



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Special Meeting
May 9, 2012

The third special joint meeting with the Chatham Central School District Board of Education was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Lebanon Board Members: Wood, Sowalski, Kroboth, Bingham, Sotek, Bienes, Superintendent McGraw, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator. Chatham Board of Education Members: John Wapner, James Toteno, James Cartin, Gail Behrens Day, James Marks, David O'Connor, Melony Spock (left at 7:55 p.m.) and Superintendent Nuciforo.

ABSENT: New Lebanon Board Member Bingham and Chatham Board Member, Michael Clark

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Superintendent Non-Action Items The following topics were discussed:</p> <p><u>Shared services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Nuciforo spoke about the structure for a Special Education Director. This model has been used successfully in this region. Chatham will purchase a .5 service from New Lebanon for the 2012-2013 school year. • Superintendent McGraw stated that sharing a service may not necessarily be a cost savings but programs could be enhanced. For example: a shared IT department which could mean greater expertise for both districts and enhance capacity. <p><u>Financial study:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, shared with the boards her financial study analysis. The study showed a possible tax relief that would be greater for Chatham than the New Lebanon taxpayer. At this time, the Board members indicated interest in pursuing shared service rather a merger. <p><u>Program collaborations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent McGraw outlined a distance learning pilot between Chatham and New Lebanon for the fall. • Superintendent Nuciforo explained the concept of High School without walls. Interest was expressed to begin planning a process and a follow up meeting will take place in the fall. 	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Shared Services, Financial Study, Program Collaborations</p>
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- Superintendent McGraw noted that the Regents and State Education Department are discussing options for regional high school.

Public Comment

None

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Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 11 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

_____ Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

