



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
November 18, 2009

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Bingham, Luhrmann, Lambert, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education.

ABSENT: Board Member Gavriity

ALSO PRESENT: Bryon Lewis, Athletic Director and members of the public.

<p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments Superintendent McGraw advised the Board of corrections to the agenda including date changes.</p> <p>Carrie Nyc-Chevrier notified the Board that a portable elevator for the music classroom at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School will be installed. It will be paid for using stimulus funds.</p> <p>Minutes <u>Action Item</u> Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the November 4, 2009 minutes as amended. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.</p> <p>Curriculum and Instruction <u>Non-Action Items</u> Byron Lewis, Athletic Director reviewed the Fall sports report with the Board. The Board recognized that the number of athletes are inadequate to field JV teams but they wish to enhance communication about this to parents.</p> <p>Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education gave a report on the 2008-2009 school year.</p> <p><u>Action Items</u> Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays. a. To approve the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan (APPR) effective November 19, 2009.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Fall Sports Report</p> <p>2008-09 Special Education Report</p> <p>Approved APPR</p>
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- b. To approve the following revised policies: (second reading)

Policy #	Title
6180	Recruitment
7131	Education of Homeless Children and Youth
7160	School Census
7220	Graduation Requirements
7243	Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students
7313	Suspension/Exclusion
5410	Purchasing
5621	Accounting of Fixed Assets
7314	Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use Policy)
7350	Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions
7511	Immunization of Students

Financial

Non-Action Item

A report on school bus antennas was discussed. The district has recently switched from long antennas to shorter ones.

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-H as a block. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- To accept the Tax Collector's Report which indicates that \$7,153,146.09 in school taxes has been collected as of November 2, 2009, which represents 91.20% of the total tax warrant for the 2009-2010 school year.
- To authorize payment to Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,463.51 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (misc. renovations).
- To approve the September, 2009 Treasurer's report.
- To accept donation of 58 books from Amy Senger to support the elementary library program.
- To approve use of the Walter B. Howard building for a PTA Craft Fair on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. which includes janitorial and kitchen services with a donation of \$200 from the PTA to offset costs associated with the event.
- To accept a donation of 3, HP3505 color laserjet printer ink cartridges from Ed Wever.
- To approve budget transfers totaling \$10,208.00.
- To adopt the 2010-2011 budget calendar.

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items A-H as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following certified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Teacher	Rate (per day)
Michelle Mullane (certified)	\$90.00
Carrie Hall (uncertified)	\$80.00
Steven Constable (uncertified)	\$80.00

- Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Timothy Christiansen to the position of intramural swim coach with a stipend of \$1875.00.
- Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to grant child-rearing leave to

Approved Policies

Bus Antenna Report

Tax Collectors Report

Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. Payment

September, 2009 Treasurers Report

Book Donation

PTA Craft Fair 12/5/09

Ink Cartridge Donation

Budget Transfers, \$10,208.00

2010-2011 Budget Calendar

Michelle Mullane, Certified Substitute

Carrie Hall, Uncertified Substitute

Steven Constable, Uncertified Substitute

Timothy Christiansen, Intramural Swim Coach

Corie Noel, Child Rearing Leave

- Corie Noel, beginning March 31, 2009 and returning on or around May 14, 2010.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to grant child-rearing leave to Nellie Barker, beginning March 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
 - e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw to grant a leave of absence to Dorothy Rogers until January 28, 2010.
 - f. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Donald Connelly, to a long-term substitute position as Family and Consumer Sciences teacher effective November 2, 2009 through January 27, 2010 at a prorated salary of \$42,153, Step 2 with a Masters without benefits.
 - g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to grant a request for long-term leave for Sheryl Roden effective November 9, 2009 to March 1, 2010.
 - h. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following volunteer coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

Volunteer	Team	Stipend
Kara Siciliano	Varsity Swim Team	No stipend

Board Open Discussion

The Board requested copies of the superintendent evaluation tool in their next packet.

Board Member Lambert notified the board that the PTA raised \$2280 from the book fair. Every student was given a book. He suggested having a reception to recognize the PTA, Booster Club and volunteers.

Board Member Luhrmann notified the Board that she has been selected for grand jury and therefore may have limited availability for negotiations.

Public Comment

Christine Dreyfuss discussed saving the Union Free School building.

Susan Wilkes suggested a survey of high school students and parents should be conducted to find out why students are not participating in sports or extra curricular activities.

Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
 _____ Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Nellie Barker, Child Rearing Leave

Dorothy Rogers, Leave of Absence

Donald Connelly, Long-Term Substitute

Sheryl Roden, Long Term Leave

Kara Siciliano, Volunteer

Board Open Discussion

Public Comment

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Adjournment

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