



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
November 4, 2009

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Preusser, Auditor, Members of the public

Public Comment

None.

Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal recognized student Geneva Furlano who received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program. Investigator Dave Spinda of the NYS Police gave a presentation to students addressing issues of internet safety and cyber bullying. Red Ribbon Week was celebrated in the Junior High, NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) was held today. Students from both Chatham and Ichabod Crane participated. AP Biology class recently attended a genetics conference. Performing artist, Robert Post performed for the 7th and 8th graders. High School art students took a field trip to Williams College art museum. Both varsity soccer teams participated in post-season play. Winter teams have begun practices. Meet the Coaches night was held recently. The athletic awards banquet will be held November 10. A pasta dinner is available. The dinner will be a fundraiser for the 7th and 8th grade classes. Jennifer Evans has been participating in various curriculum development initiatives through NYSUT and the RFK Center for Justice and Human Rights. She has been invited to attend the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights Ripple of Hope Awards Dinner in NYC later this month.

Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor spoke to the Board about accident packets that are now on all buses. The packet contains forms for incidents, seating charts, etc. A new inventory system has been implemented. Radio antennas are being replaced to a shorter size.

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board about a meeting at Questar III on November 21. The electrical upgrade will be ready for bid soon. She met with the fire department board recently to discuss the possibility of sharing the fuel depot and she noted that the fall newsletter will be going out soon.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier spoke to the Board about a new Point of Sale (POS) system that has been installed in the cafeterias.

Public Comment

**Acknowledgments/
Administrative
Comments**

Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal spoke to the Board about conducting a relocation drill and tabletop drills. Parent teacher conferences were held last week and a celebration of life event will be held for Leah Bendick, School Nurse on November 11 at 6:30.

Minutes

Action Items

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the October 21, 2009 minutes as amended. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Audit Committee Business

Action Item

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to review and approve the 2008-2009 external audit report. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 7 ayes, 0 nays. During discussion, Scott Preusser, External Auditor, reviewed his findings.

Superintendent

Non-Action Items

Helen Burton spoke on behalf of the Lebanon Valley Historical Society regarding preserving the Union Free School building. It was indicated that within 12 months, they will know if viable funding is available and if there is an entity to take over the Union Free School building.

Superintendent McGraw gave a progress report on her goals. Board Member Luhrmann asked about what courses are being explored to offer college credit.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

The Special Education report on the 2008-2009 school year was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the following revised policies (first 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

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

a. To accept from the WBH PTA the services of the musical group, *Hill Brothers*.

Minutes

2008/09 External Audit Report

Union Free School Bldg.

Superintendent Goals

Special Education Report Tabled

Reviewed Revised Policies

WBH PTA Donation

Services to include a bully prevention music program for grades K-6 to be held on January 7, 2010.

- b. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students:

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Financial

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-D as a block. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 0 ayes, 7 nays. Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items B-D as a block. Seconded by Board member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Board Member Wood made a motion to table item A. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To adopt the 2010-2011 budget calendar. TABLED
- b. To award surplus items bids to the highest bidder(s), as per chart below as a result of a bid opening on October 29, 2009.

Bidder Name	Surplus Item or Vehicle	Total Bid Submitted
Petersburgh Public Library Sharon Hodges	Library Book Return	\$50.00
Taconic Hills Middle School Russell Webb	Orange and Black Band Uniforms	\$20.00
Cheryl & Sons, Inc. Philip Benowitz	2000 GMC Corbeil, 22-Passenger School Bus	\$4528.00
Cheryl & Sons, Inc. Philip Benowitz	2001 GMC Corbeil, 12-Passenger Wheelchair Van	\$3606.00

- c. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated September 30, 2009 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- d. To authorize payment to Two Brothers Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$48,640.00 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (asbestos abatement).

Non-Action Item

Board members reviewed the 2010-2011 budget calendar.

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items A-E as a block. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to terminate the employment of Keith Burke, due to his absence from his duties for a period of more than one (1) year, pursuant to Civil Service Law section 73, effective November 9, 2009.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following certified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Teacher	Rate (per day)
Steve Zito (certified)	\$90.00
Elena Kulikova-Weintraub (certified)	\$90.00
Helen Hook (certified)	\$90.00
Rodney Stickles (certified)	\$90.00
Kelsey Lyon (certified)	\$90.00
Kathleen Collopy (certified)	\$90.00

CSE/CPSE Programs and Placements

Tabled 2010-2011 budget calendar

Awarded Bids

WBH Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts, 9/30/09

Two Brothers Payment

Reviewed 2010-2011 Budget Calendar

Keith Burke, Termination of Employment

Certified substitutes:
Steve Zito, Elena Kulikova-Weintraub, Helen Hook, Rodney Stickles, Kelsey Lyon and Kathleen Collopy

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

Coach	Sport	Stipend
Kelly McGivern	Cheerleader Advisor	\$800.00

d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Jennifer Lynch as a tutor at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Terrance Gibson to the position of bus driver effective November 5, 2009 at a rate of \$14.87 per hour as per CSEA contract.

Kelly McGivern,
Cheerleading Advisor

Jennifer Lynch, Tutor

Terrance Gibson, Bus
Driver

Board Open Discussion

Superintendent McGraw asked the Board if they planned on attending the Columbia County Group Board meeting on November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Bingham congratulated Geneva Furlano.

Board Member Sowalski reminded members of the public to attend upcoming budget meetings.

Public Comment

Jerry Grant spoke to the Board about the Shaker Museum owning a building at Darrow as an example of the possibility to sell a building but not the land.

Public Comment

Helen Burton notified the Board that Historical Society representatives are going to give a presentation to the Town Board on November 9 regarding the Union Free School.

Debbie Gordon suggested that the school district keep the Union Free building and restore it.

Dawn Brustch expressed a concern that the senior parking area next to the Union Free School is very important to the students and that it is important that this area be safe.

Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Adjournment