



September 20, 2017  
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education  
JSHS Library at 7:00 pm

**Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)**

Tim Lambert           \_\_A\_\_  
Mike Bienes, Jr.       \_\_P\_\_  
Mike Brutsch          \_\_P\_\_  
Raymona Griffin      \_\_A\_\_  
Sharon Putnam        \_\_P\_\_  
Richard Sime          \_\_P\_\_  
Janet Stone            \_\_A\_\_

**Also in attendance:**

Leslie Whitcomb      \_\_P\_\_  
Matt Klafehn          \_\_P\_\_  
Andrew Kourt         \_\_P\_\_  
Mike Los              \_\_P\_\_  
Josh Noble             \_\_P\_\_

**1. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOAL SETTING 6:00PM**

**2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Putnam at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Bienes thanked the Board for the use of school buses and pool for the summer youth program. Elizabeth Brutsch commented she'd like to see more a New Lebanon art presence at the Columbia County Fair.

**4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. Introduction of Ian Boehme, School Resource Deputy- This will happen at the October meeting.

B. Student Representative update -Max Kubli presented on sports, NHS, hurricane relief program, spirit week, financial aid night and picture day.

C. Transportation Department update- Patty Gallup presented on Kindergarten transportation orientation, bus drills, athletic runs and the new dispatcher.

D. Special Education update- Jennifer Morris spoke on summer program, new teacher orientation and responses to the audit.

E. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update- Michael Los presented on the response to RFP for performance contract.

F. WBH update-Andrew Kourt presented on New Family orientation, enrollment increase, mindfulness initiative, new reading program, movie night and the return of song writing.

G. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on the start of the school year, soccer, college caravan, open house, homecoming and professional development.

H. Athletic update- Josh Noble spoke about the cancellation of girls modified volleyball, strong girls varsity soccer team and new scoreboards for the gym.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the August 23, 2017 Board of Education Meeting minutes

## **6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

A. Summer curriculum development update given by Amy Gravina and Michelle Bruns.

B. Testing report presented by Superintendent Whitcomb.

C. State Education changes and enrollment. Superintendent Whitcomb presented information on changes on mid-level requirements and the enrollment report.

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to approve items 6D-E. Board member Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

D. Motion approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100492, 092100515, 092100578, 092100564, 092100336, 092100498, 092100612, 092100396, 000002449, 092100608, 092100590 and 092100521.

Item 6E was tabled until the October 18, 2017 meeting.

E. Motion to approve the Travel Club's trip to Spain & Italy from March 30- April 10, 2018 and to approve the following chaperones: Maria Sime and Michelle Bienes.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

Board member Bienes made the motion to approve items 7A-B. Board Vice President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the July 2017 Treasurer's report

B. Motion to approve the July 2017-August 2017 extra-curricular reports as submitted by Sarah Roblez, JSHS Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer

## **8. PERSONNEL**

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve items 8A-F. Board Vice President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following sports volunteers for the 2017-18 school year, pending fingerprint clearance.

Tonya Smith	Volleyball
James Colon	Soccer

B. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Brenda Vermilya as a teacher aide (per student IEP) effective September 11, 2017 at a rate of \$12.92 per hour.

C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitutes effective September 21, 2017:

Eric Johnson	Sub TA/Sub Teacher	\$13 per hour/\$85 per day
Anne Laier	Sub TA/Sub Teacher	\$13 per hour/\$85 per day

D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following scorekeepers for the 2017-18 school year:

Megan Darcy, Christina Seyerlein, David Knudsen and Mary Beth Liles.

E. Motion to accept a resignation from Business Administrator Michael Los effective October 30, 2017.

F. Motion to amend an appointment- To add Brooke Dickson as Grade 12 (Class of 2018) co-advisor with Valene Synakowski (previously Meghan Evans) with a shared stipend of \$1088.

### 9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

The need for a clerk of the works was discussed.

### 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board member Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board member Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Board member Sime seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk