



14665 State Route 22  
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Tenure Reception at 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
September 16, 2009

A reception was held at 6:30 p.m. in honor of teachers and teaching assistants who received tenure.

The regular meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School. It was called to order by Board President Wood and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Luhrmann, Bingham, Smith, Lambert, Superintendent McGraw, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

ABSENT: Board Members Sowalski and Gavrity, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p><b>Public Comment</b> None.</p> <p><b>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments</b> <u>Non-Action Items</u> Todd DiGrigoli, Shared Food Service Manager from Ichabod Crane updated the Board on the Food Service department. A more simplified menu has been introduced. There are two staff members working in each kitchen.</p> <p><b>Minutes</b> <u>Action Item</u> Board Member Smith made a motion to approve the September 2, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 5 ayes, 0 nays.</p> <p><b>Curriculum and Instruction</b> <u>Non-Action Items</u> Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal spoke to the Board regarding real time regents results.</p> <p>Jason LaMora, Technology Embedded Staff Developer gave a SmartBoard demonstration. The SmartBoards provide greater efficiency to teachers and engage students.</p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p><b>Acknowledgements/ Administrative Comments</b></p> <p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Real Time Regents Results</b></p> <p><b>SmartBoard Demonstration</b></p>
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Tracy Kent, Literacy Embedded Staff Developer, spoke to the Board about her goals for the upcoming school year. A new reading series for grades K-5 is being used. She will be doing an assessment on grades K-12 and she plans on continuing to provide professional development to the teachers.

Karen McGraw, Superintendent, discussed student enrollment and class sizes.

### Literacy Embedded Staff Developer Goals

**Oneonta Soccer Trip**  
**Chaperones:**  
**James Colon,**  
**Robert Allard,**  
**Bruce Wood,**  
**Jennifer Evans,**  
**Eileen Evans**

### Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve a soccer trip to Oneonta on September 19 and September 20, 2009, including bussing and the following chaperones: James Colon, Robert Allard, Bruce Wood (Saturday only), Jennifer Evans, and Eileen Evans. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Wood)

### Financial

#### Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-G as a block. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 0 ayes, 5 nays. The motion failed. Board Member Wood made a motion to approved items A, B, D, F & G as a block tabling item C. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**July, 2009**  
**Treasurer's Report**

- a. To approve the July, 2009 Treasurer's report.
- b. To authorize payment to Hoosick Valley Contractors in the amount of \$44,953.00 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (misc. renovations).
- c. To authorize payment to BR Johnson in the amount of \$76,602.78 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (window and door replacement). (TABLED)
- d. To accept the following donated items from Dena Harty and Campbell Soup Company (labels) to support the elementary library program.

**Hoosick Valley**  
**Payment**

**Tabled BR Johnson**  
**Payment**

**Accepted Donation**

Quantity	Item
5	Cassette Records
2	Multimedia Players
6	Headsets
69	Books

**Budget Transfers**

**Accepted Donation**

- e. To approve budget transfers totaling \$37,395.00.
- f. To accept a donation of \$126.26 from Target and the Take Charge of Education program.
- g. To increase budget line A2110.450-4, Jr./Sr. High School Materials and Supplies by \$126.26.

**Increased Budget**  
**Line**

**Barbara Ruhe,**  
**Certified Sub**

**Fred Ruhe,**  
**Certified Sub**

**Robert Allard,**  
**Uncertified Sub**

**Nancy Walsh**  
**Manes, Certified**  
**Sub**

**Celeen Lawrence,**  
**Certified Sub**

### Personnel

#### Action Items

Board Member Luhrmann made a motion to approve items A-G as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Teacher	Rate
Barbara Ruhe (certified)	\$90.00 per day
Fred Ruhe (certified)	\$90.00 per day
Robert Allard (uncertified)	\$80.00 per day
Nancy Walsh Manes (certified)	\$90.00 per day
Celeen Lawrence (certified)	\$90.00 per day

b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following mentors as per the Mentoring Plan effective September 1, 2009:

Mentor	Stipend	Mentee
Becky Vaillancourt	\$1000.00	Kimberly DiNuzzo
Tracy Kent	\$1000.00	Kendra Hadden

- c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Courtney McDonald to the position of 10-month Clerk Typist at a rate of \$13.77 per hour as per CSEA contract effective September 17, 2009.
- d. To accept the resignation of Julia Casella, Teacher Aide, effective September 18, 2009.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to dissolve a Teacher Aide position and create a Clerk/Typist position.
- f. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the agreement dated September 10, 2009, extending the probationary appointment of teacher Hillary Watts for a period of one year, to December 9, 2010, in accordance with the terms of said agreement.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Melissa Williams as a substitute cook at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and a substitute food server at a rate of \$8.25 per hour.

**Becky Vaillancourt,  
Mentor**

**Tracy Kent,  
Mentor**

**Courtney  
McDonald, Clerk  
Typist**

**Julia Casella,  
Resignation**

**Hillary Watts,  
Probationary  
Period Extended**

**Melissa Williams,  
Sub Cook and Food  
Server**

**Superintendent  
Non-Action Item**

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board about the Union Free School. A brief history of the building was shared with the Board. A draft letter to the NYS Historic Preservation Office was reviewed with the Board regarding demolition of the Union Free School. After discussion, it was decided that the letter should be mailed to the NYS Historic Preservation Office.

**Union Free School  
Discussion**

**Action Item**

Board Member Smith made a motion to authorize Superintendent McGraw to send a letter to the New York State Historic Preservation Office requesting consideration to demolish the Union Free School building. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes 0 nays.

**Letter to NYS  
Historic  
Preservation Office**

**Board Open Discussion**

The Board would like the following topics to be on future agendas: a bus radio update, and a pool update. They would also like to see more after school activities offered for the elementary students. They discussed having a public recognition of the members of the public who donated the generator to run the soccer field lights during the October soccer tournament.

**Board Open  
Discussion**

**Public Comment**

Stacy Stall spoke in favor of the demolition of the Union Free School.

**Public Comment**

Board Member Luhrmann spoke about a soccer game held the previous evening.

**Executive Session**

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**Executive Session**

**Clerk Pro-Tem**

**Action Item**

Board Member Wood made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**Adjournment**

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

\_\_\_\_\_ Respectfully submitted,  
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

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**Clerk Pro-Tem**

**Adjournment**