



Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Policy Committee Meeting and
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
JSHS-Library at 6:00pm

1. 6:00 PM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held in the Library at the JSHS. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Bienes at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert _____
Mike Bienes _____
Tracy Bingham _____
Martha Esposito _____
Sharon Putnam _____
Christine Sotek _____
Monique Wood _____
Galen Martin _____

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb _____
Matt Klafehn _____
Andrew Kourt _____
Mike Los _____
Tamara Thorpe-Odom _____
Rick Arket _____

3. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action

- A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:01pm. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.
- B. Board President Lambert made the Motion to reenter public session at 7:06pm. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. SUPERINTENDENT

Non-Action

School board recognition week is October 27-31. Superintendent Whitcomb, on behalf of the New Lebanon Central School District community, expressed her appreciation for the volunteer service performed by each member of the Board of Education. She presented the board with a video of students answering the question "What is the Board of Education", and "what do you think they do". She made a donation to Appetites Anonymous (food club) on the board's behalf for the free Thanksgiving community feast.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Non-Action

- A. WBH update given by Andrew Kourt. The first community event, outdoor family movie night, was a huge success. Trunk or Treat will be on October 31st from 5-6pm. In November, to help celebrate

American Education Week, they will hold a read-a-thon. The PTA is up and running. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the WBH library. The PTA is sponsoring a Ted the Science Guy Assembly. Today was the last day of 4th grade swimming and 5th grade begins on the 21st. As part of the character education program they are teaching "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids" by Stephen Covey, with this month's habit being "Be Proactive." Next week several classes are going on fall field trips – Windswept farm, The NY State Museum and Proctors. Next Monday is the Fire Prevention Assembly.

B. JSHS High School update was given by Matthew Klafehn. Successful evacuation drill was on October 9. He reviewed future drills. College Caravan at New Lebanon was on September 18 and was well attended. Homecoming weekend consisted of: Alumni soccer game, student soccer game, bonfire, club offerings and a dance. He thanked Michelle Bienes and the Spirit Club, clubs and their advisors for their hard work for Homecoming. On October 2nd there was an Art Field Trip to the Clark Museum. On Friday, the seventh grade math teachers from Algonquin Middle School will be visiting our junior high classrooms. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 16. The month of October is Anti-Bullying month. The counseling office will be taking some initiatives to help raise awareness with the junior high population. They would like to order T-shirts with an anti-bullying slogan that students will design during Red Ribbon week (week of October 27). SADD Advisor, Kara Sokolowski, is planning events in conjunction with PE teachers and the guidance office.

C. Athletic report given by Rick Arket. Students are in the final week of the fall regular season. Girls modified volleyball was a great success, finishing the season with 12 players and showing vast improvement. Both girls and boys soccer intends on competing in sectionals. The seeding meetings will take place on Tuesday and he will publicize dates and opponents as soon as possible. The sports banquet is scheduled for Thursday, 10/30, with dinner at 5:30. Sign-ups for winter sports are taking place. Schedules for both girls and boys JV basketball are being created. Wrestling as a joint venture with Berlin will be offered this winter. The winter season begins on Monday November 10th.

D. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update given by Michael Los. Current operations and maintenance staffing and duties (document attached) were discussed. He recommended to the Board that they look to hire another maintenance position to give coverage in both buildings. The Board would not like to hire at this moment, but would like to revisit maintenance staffing in the future. He pointed out that the Treasurer's reports are missing for July, August, and September. This function is part of the service that OHM BOCES provides. They currently have had some issues with the service due to a change in personnel. He summarized that they will be exploring options to cover some of the business office functions through a different vendor or possibly another school district.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

A. Board member Bingham made the motion to approve item 7A. Board member Esposito seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the September 10, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes.

8. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Non-Action

A. Report on summer 2014 K-6 program given by Tamara Thorpe-Odom

B. Class and Club information reported

C. Report on the Grades 3-8 Math and ELA Assessments and Regents results by building principals

D. Instruction update Andrew Kourt will update WBH's K-6 AIS/Enrichment instruction

Action

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 7E-H. Board member Bingham seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

E. Motion to appoint Dotan Schips and Michelle Lagonia as advisors to the Literary Arts Club, with no stipend (first year). The Literary Arts Club will include students in grades 7-12. Students will meet once a week to compose, discuss, and edit literature with the end goal being to publish the ROAR Literary Magazine.

F. Motion to approve the addition of DASA coordinator contact information to ensure that codes of conduct are in compliance with the Dignity for All Students Act.

G Motion to approve CSE recommendations of program and placements for the following special education students: 092100386, 092100379, 92100233, 092100207, 082390000, 000002449,000002485

H. Motion to approve the Intramural Club at WBH (first year, no stipend).

9. FINANCIAL

Non-Action

A. Internal Claims Audit report given by Susan Bues, Claims Auditor.

Action

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve items 9B-G. Board member Sotek seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the Internal Claims Audit Report dated July 1, 2014- September 30, 2014.

C. Motion to accept a check from Target Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$150.03.

D. Motion to increase a budget line A21104503 (WBH Materials and Supplies) by \$150.03 as a result of a donation.

E. Motion to authorize Board President Lambert to enter into an agreement to retain and employ Roemer, Wallens, Gold and Mineaux for general legal counsel services for the 2014-15 school year at a rate of \$1,000.00 per month, and \$1,050.00 per month from July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016.

F. Motion to approve the June 2014 grades 6-12 extra-curricular accounts report as submitted by Sarah Roblez, JSHS Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer

G. Motion to accept a donation in the amount of a \$100 gift card from Hannaford for the purpose of an Ice Cream social for Honor Roll students.

10. PERSONNEL

Action

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve items 10A-H. Board member Esposito seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitutes:

David Wagner	Uncertified substitute teacher/teaching assistant	\$85 per day/\$14.81 per hour	Effective October 16, 2014
Carly Maxon	Uncertified substitute teacher	\$85 per day	Effective October 16, 2014
Shannon Ames	Substitute bus monitor/aide (previously employed by the District)	\$12.18 per hour	Effective October 1, 2014

- B. Motion to appoint Rebekah Siry, student at Hudson Valley Community College, to observe Michelle Schrader for thirty hours to fill a fieldwork requirement, effective September 23, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- C. Motion to accept a resignation from Stephen Morrissey.
- D. Motion to appoint Ethan Race to the probationary position of Network Systems Engineer, effective October 6, 2014 with a pro-rated salary of \$48,500.
- E. Motion to appoint Shannon Adams to the probationary position of Bus Aide effective September 29, 2014 at a rate of \$12.18 per hour.
- F. Motion to appoint Maria Sime as Intramural Swim Instructor for 2014-15 school year with a stipend of \$2,000.00 (coached previously).
- G. Motion to appoint a student observer Hamdan Alharbi, international student at Saint Rose, to observe Andrew Kourt for 5 hours to fulfill a fieldwork requirement, date TBD.
- H. Motion to appoint Susan Mitchell (previously employed by the District) to the probationary position of Dispatcher, effective October 16, 2014 at a rate of \$15.46 per hour.

11. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:55pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board member Bingham seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.
- B. Board member Wood made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Sotek seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk