



Thursday, January 21, 2015
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
JSHS-Library at 7:00pm

1. 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 President Lambert at 7:05pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

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| Tim Lambert | _____ |
| Mike Bienes | <u> A </u> |
| Tracy Bingham | _____ |
| Martha Esposito | <u> A </u> |
| Sharon Putnam | _____ |
| Christine Sotek | _____ |
| Monique Wood | _____ |
| Galen Martin | _____ |

Also in attendance:

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| Leslie Whitcomb | _____ |
| Matt Klafehn | _____ |
| Andrew Kourt | _____ |
| Mike Los | _____ |
| Rick Arket | _____ |

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON ALTERNATIVE VETERANS SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION

Non-Action

A. Alternative Veterans School Tax Exemption Information. Michael Los presented information on the alternative veterans school tax exemption. Mrs. Brutch asked if it would be voted on yearly. Mr. Brutch stated it would be difficult to revoke.

Action

Board President Lambert made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:20pm. Board member Bingham seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to close the public hearing on Alternative Veterans School Tax Exemption

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Non-Action

A. Student Representative update given by Galen Martin. Galen reported on the can drive and let the board know Spirit Week was coming up. On behalf of Student Council, he congratulated Future Cities for their recent win.

B. Transportation Quarterly Update given by Patty Gallup. The district got new 4WD vans in just before the holiday break. She recently received driver feedback on them, all positive. She also updated the board on snow day and delay procedures including timing, sources of information and consultations.

C. WBH update given by Andrew Kourt. December's habit focus is "first things first". WBH had a successful concert. They are continuing their focus on family activities. Craft and story night had over 150 participants. The PTA's craft fair was very well attended and made \$1600. Read-a-thon was successful as well. The honor roll assembly was in December. January's habit is Think win/win to promote positive attitudes. Winter Carnival is coming up and is a free event sponsored by the PTA. The talent show is next week and the Valentine's dance will be 2/6.

D. JSHS update given by Matt Klafehn. Future Cities club won regional competition and will be moving on to the National competition in Washington, DC. Rick Jason was honored by News channel 13 with their Top Teacher Award. Mary Beth Liles has been selected in the second cohort of NYS Master Teachers. Columbia County District Attorney Paul Czajka visited Michelle Daus' Business Law class. January Regents are next week. All County Jazz Festival will be hosted by us on 2/6 at 7:30pm. Junior High Academic Awards are on 2/9 at 8:00am. Prom is scheduled for May 30th at the Crowne Plaza in Pittsfield. He also gave an update on new 4:1:1 graduation requirements.

E. Athletic Report given by Rick Arket. Students have entered into the final third of the winter season. He updated the board regarding JV basketball teams. Injuries and academic probation have inflicted a toll on both teams. On the girl's side, the JV team was down to 6 players last week, forcing varsity to send 2 players down to play yesterday. Things are more tenuous on the boy's side. Both varsity and JV are currently at 7 players. Varsity had 6 available to play against Berlin on Friday. All coaches have done an admiral job managing their teams, and have not had to forfeit any games. However, there is almost no margin for error and player safety and well-being becomes a concern with such small rosters. Looking ahead, the Winter Awards banquet is scheduled for 2/24, barring a conflict with a sectional game.

F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update given by Mike Los. The Comptroller's Audit is coming up this year.

G. District Technology update given by Ethan Race. He has reconfigured the WiFi network and will be installing appropriate filters for all devices. He is updating smartboards as some are aging out. He plans to preplace the firewall, allowing for added security. He is also planning for upgrades to the JSHS library.

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Non-Action

- A. Future Cities Presentation given by Mary Beth Liles and members of the Future Cities club.
- B. Computer Programming presentation given by David Hawkins.

Action

Board member Bingham made the motion to approve item 5C. Board member Putnam seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100389, 092100387

Board member Wood made the motion to approve item 5D. Board member Sotek seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

D. Motion to approve the Future Cities trip to Washington D.C. as per attached.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve item 6A. Board President Lambert seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the December 18, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes.

7. FINANCIAL

Non-Action

A. First presentation of 2015-16 proposed budget by Michael Los and Superintendent Whitcomb.

B. Second Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report.

Action

Board member Wood made the motion to approve items 7C-G. Board member Sotek seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the internal audit report as submitted by Eileen Evans.

D. Motion to approve November 2014 Treasurer's Report.

E. Motion to approve the grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report dated November 1, 2014 - November 30, 2014 as submitted by Sarah Roblez, JSHS Extra-curricular Accounts Treasurer.

F. Motion to accept donations.

G. Motion to increase budget line A21104504 by \$300 as a result of a donation to the music department.

8. PERSONNEL

Action

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve items 8A-C. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Michael Guido as a bus driver trainee effective January 22, 2015 at a rate of \$8.75 per hour.

B. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Rosemarie Ansel to the position of uncertified substitute teacher effective January 22, 2015 at a rate of \$85 per day.

C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Dan Evans as Girls Modified Softball Volunteer for the 2014-15 school year.

9. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Whitcomb spoke regarding participation.

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into executive session at 9:40pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee and collective bargaining. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Board member Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Bingham seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk