



Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Public Forum and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education –
JSHS Library 7:00pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __P__
Racheal Chubb __P__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __P__
Alex Polacinski __P__
Sharon Powers __P__

Also in attendance:

Chris Harper __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Josh Noble __P__
Danielle Brewster __P__
Corey Brown __A__

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Brutsch at 7:02pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Discuss candidates running for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 2B. Board member Chubb seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to elect members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III

Be it resolved that the New Lebanon Central School District Board of Education hereby casts its votes for the following candidates to fill four vacancies on the Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational services: Mr. John C. Hill, Mrs. Mary Yurista, Ms. Mary Dowd Daly, Mr. Joseph Garland

3. QUESTAR III ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 3A. Board member Powers seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the BOCES Questar III Administrative budget

RESOLVED: that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the 2026-27 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$\$7,687,882.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. Student representative update- None
- B. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on curriculum
- C. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on graduation requirements, APPR, state testing and all count.
- D. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on baseball and softball wins, season numbers, fall soccer tournament and a spectator letter
- E. Business Office- Danielle Brewster presented on staffing and her resignation.
- F. Superintendent update- Superintendent Harper spoke regarding a water update, urgent care, Loves and APPR.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 6A. Board member Polacinski seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

- A. Motion to approve the March 11, 2026 Board of Education Meeting minutes

7. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 7A&C. Item 7B tabled to the May 6 meeting. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

- A. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements
- B. Motion to approve the 2026-27 district calendar and Board of Education meeting dates
- C. Motion to approve Policy 4327 (second read)

8. FINANCIAL

- A. 2026-27 Final Budget Presentation- 6% agreed upon

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 8B-I. Board member Powers seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

- B. Motion to adopt the 2026-27 budget

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$ \$16,054,977 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by law.

- C. Motion to approve the Third Internal Claims Audit Report
- D. Motion to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report
- E. Motion to approve the January 2026 Extra-Curricular Report
- F. Motion to approve the February 2026 Grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Report
- G. Motion to approve the property tax report card
- H. Motion to approve budget transfers

I. Motion to declare items excess- 2015 Chevrolet Suburban- Bus #147 to be excessed and auctioned off as it has a bad transmission.

9. PERSONNEL

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to approve items 9A-H. Board member Chubb seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve chaperones for Outdoor Classroom: Bridget Rank, Melissa Stevens, Emily Meister, Matt Albrecht, David Hawkins

B. Motion to accept a resignation from Danielle Brewster, effective May 12, 2026.

C. Motion to accept a resignation from Danielle French effective June 26, 2026.

D. Motion to appoint a Science teacher- To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Sydney Rogers to the Science tenure area, step 2, with a salary of \$57,257, effective September 1, 2026- September 1, 2030. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on the employee receiving APPR ratings of H or E in 3 of 4 preceding years (and no I rating in final year) (8 NYCRR 30-1.3[d]).

E. Motion to appoint a Senior Account Clerk- To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Connor Van Dyke as Senior Account Clerk (provisional), effective April 13, 2026, and to approve the attached terms and conditions.

F. Motion to appoint a laborer- Sal Roblez, Jr. as a laborer, effective March 16, 2026, step 2, at a rate of \$17.01 per hour.

G. Motion to accept a resignation from Tammy Groat-Mesick effective May 1, 2026.

H. Motion to appoint a communications specialist- Carly Lynch as communications specialist, effective April 27, 2026 with a \$12,000.00 prorated stipend.

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next meeting May 6, 2026

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:28pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters and the employment history of a particular employee and negotiations. Board member Polacinski seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk