



Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Q3 Budget Vote and Election and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education – WBH Library 7pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch	<u> P </u>
Bill Buckenroth	<u> P </u>
John Kalisz	<u> P </u>
Rob Long	<u> P </u>
Sharon Powers	<u> P </u>
Sharon Putnam	<u> A </u>
Racheal Chubb	<u> P </u>

Also in attendance:

Chris Harper	<u> P </u>
Matt Klafehn	<u> P </u>
Josh Noble	<u> P </u>
Danielle Brewster	<u> P </u>
Corey Brown	<u> P </u>

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Brutsch at 7:01pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. QUESTAR III BOARD MEMBER VOTE

A. Discuss candidates running for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III (4 seats open, 4 candidates)

Board member Powers made the motion to approve item 2B. Board member Long seconded. 6 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: Edmund Brooks, David Finch, Nadine Gazzola, Melony Spock.

3. QUESTAR III ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 3A. Board member Long seconded. 6 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 2025-26 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$7,461,009.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student representative update

B. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on PTA events, field trips, state assessments, ELA maps.

C. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on travel club, testing issues, honor roll, attendance incentives and credit rescue.

D. Athletic update- Information provided by Corey Brown on spring kick-off, TY to buildings and grounds for field condition, increasing number of NL athletes, coaches and off season offerings.

E. Business Office- Danielle Brewster presented on external audit bids, attorney bids, staffing

F. Superintendent update- Superintendent Harper spoke on the Drama Club play, mac n cheese cook-off, counseling issues.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. Motion to approve the March 5, 2025 Board of Education Meeting minutes

7. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-B. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

A. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements

B. Motion to approve the 2025-26 district calendar and Board of Education meeting dates

8. FINANCIAL

A. 2025-26 Final Budget Presentation

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 8B-K. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 5 ayes, 1 nay (Powers), 0 abstained.

B. Motion to adopt the 2025-26 budget

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$ \$15,967,594 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 February 2025 Treasurer's Report

D. Motion to approve the February 2025 Grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Report

E. Motion to approve the property tax report card

F. Motion to approve budget transfers

G. Motion to declare items excess- Bus #133- major engine failure. 2010 Chevrolet Suburban VIN# 1GNSK5E35BR300657 with 192,291 miles

H. Motion to approve a resolution from NYCLASS

- I. Motion to approve a resolution -DCMO BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Service Resolution
- J. Motion to enter into an agreement with MAG for payroll services as per attached:
- K. Motion to enter into an agreement with RGT as per attached:

9. PERSONNEL

Board member Powers made the motion to approve items 9A. Board President Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstained (Kalisz and Buckenroth)

A. Motion to appoint community education staff and rates- Lifeguards: Britt Buckenroth, Lance Schroder, Jackie Howe, Eben Donohue, Cadence Ward, Alana Zuke

WSI swim instructors: Cadence Ward, Alana Zuke, Grace Kalisz

Lifeguard hourly rate: \$22/hour

Swim Teaching Assistant \$15 per hour.

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 9B-E. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to appoint a tutor-Liz Brown as a tutor effective March 27, 2025 at a rate of \$40/hour

C. Motion to approve chaperones for Nature's Classroom

Alex Chandler, Bridget Rank, Anita Reitano, Brittany McKeown, David Hawkins, Matt Klafehn

Joseph Doslop-Land, Jessica Byrne-York

D. Motion to accept a resignation from Kristin Wittig effective May 2, 2025.

E. Motion to appoint substitutes effective April 23, 2025:

Zoe Gravina TA/Teacher \$110 per day Cassidy Picciano TA/Teacher \$110 per day

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next meeting May 7, 2025.

Also discussed- Superintendent search and shop class with volunteers.

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Brutsch made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:15pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee and legal matters. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem.

Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Vice President Kalisz seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk