



Wednesday, April 29, 2016
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
WBH Library at 7:00pm

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held at the JSHS in the Library. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:03 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert __P__
Mike Bienes __P__
Mike Brutsch __P__
Martha Esposito __A__
Sharon Putnam __P__
Christine Sotek __P__

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Andrew Kourt __P__
Mike Los __P__
Rick Arket __P__(left 7:40)
Jamie Styer __A__

2. QUESTAR III BOARD MEMBER VOTE

A. Discussion of candidates running for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III (4 seats open) [Edmund Brooks.pdf \(51 KB\)](#) [Lynn Clumm.pdf \(38 KB\)](#) [Nadine Gazzola.pdf \(47 KB\)](#) [Mary Marro-Giroux.pdf \(47 KB\)](#).

B. Board President Lambert made the motion to elect members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. 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, Lynn Clumm, Nadine Gazzola and Mary Marro-Giroux.

3. QUESTAR III ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

A. Board Vice President made the motion to approve the BOCES Questar III Administrative budget. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. RESOLVED: that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the 2016-17 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$5,882,746.00

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. WBH Drama Club performance.

B. Student Representative update- Jamie Styer was absent.

C. Athletic Report

Rick Arket spoke about the spring schedule start and Bishop Maginn's acceptance into the CHVL.

D. JSHS update

Matt Klafehn acknowledged Pete Libardi for his years of service helping to construct the senior's sidewalk. Middle school testing is complete. Emergency drills are being conducted. He is looking into bringing a heroin assembly program to educate students and staff. Costa Rica trip leaves Friday. Cinderella Project was a success.

E. WBH update

Andrew Kourt updated the board on state assessments, PTA events, Jeff Maclutsky top teacher, Jay freeman CASDA Friends of Education award, Zumbathon and the Drama Club performance.

F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update

Michael Los updated the board on the condition of the old soccer field at WBH and questioned if they could stop mowing it. He also discussed the fund balance and reserves.

G. Superintendent update

Superintendent Whitcomb discussed test refusals, being up 3% from last year.

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve items 6A, C-F. Board member Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve a field trip to Harlem, May 6, 2016 for 8th grade Spanish Students and to appoint Maria Sime, Michelle Daus, Mary Beth Liles and Kara O'Hare as chaperones.

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve item 6B. Board member Putnam seconded. Board Vice President Bienes abstained. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained.

B. Motion to approve Scott Thompson and Michelle Bienes as chaperones for the Jazz Band trip to the Great East Music festival in West Springfield, Ma. on May 20, 2016.

C. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placement for the following special education students: 092100325, 092100391, 092100405, 092100454, 092100395, 092100160, 092100469, 092100462, 092100463, 092100066, 092100391, 092100207, 091140000, 082390000, 082800003, 083010001, 000002263, 000002382, 000002075 and 000002279.

D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Kara O'Hare as advisor to the Swim Club with no stipend (first year). The Swim Club will meet four times per week.

E. Motion to approve the use of Shatford Pool by the New Lebanon Summer Youth Program, from July 1, 2016-July 29, 2016 and to approve the use of school district buses by the Summer Youth Program to the following destinations: Great Escape Amusement Park (TBD), Zoom Flume Waterpark (TBD) and Flight Zone (TBD). Fuel and driver costs to be paid for by the Summer Youth Program.

F. Motion to appoint the following members to the Professional Development Team: Leslie Whitcomb, Matt Klafehn, Andrew Kourt, Tylea Gebbie, Glenn Giumarra, Becky Griffin, Hillary Watts.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve item 7A. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. As amended- Typo, Rick Arket marked present when he was absent.

A. Motion to approve the March 16, 2016 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes

8. FINANCIAL

A. Final Budget Presentation given by Superintendent Whitcomb and Business Administrator Los.

B. Third Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report submitted by Eileen Evans.

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

C. Motion to adopt the 2016-17 Budget: RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2016-17 school year in the amount of \$12,554,205.00 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.

D. Motion to accept the Third Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report as presented by Eileen Evans, Internal Claims Auditor.

E. Motion to approve the February 2016 Treasurer's Report.

F. Motion to approve the March 2016 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report as submitted by Sarah Roblez, Jr/Sr High School Extra-curricular Accounts Treasurer.

G. Motion to adopt the District's Property Tax Report Card: BE IT RESOLVED that the New Lebanon Central School District Board of Education hereby adopts the property tax report card as attached.

H. Motion to accept a donation of a book for the school library from Marvin Bubie.

9. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve items 9A-C. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

Katie Gallucci	Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$13/hour
Carrie Bertrand	Substitute Teaching Assistant/Substitute Cleaner/Substitute Cook/Server Cashier	\$13/hour, \$11.43/hour, \$11.26/hour
Amy Knox (previously substituted)	Substitute cleaner	\$11.43 per hour

B. Motion to accept a resignation from Charlene Slattery for the purpose of retirement effective June 23, 2016.

C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Michelle Bienes and Maria Sime to chaperone the Travel Club trip to Costa Rica.

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of specific employees and Superintendent Whitcomb's evaluation. Board Vice President Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board member Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as clerk pro-tem. Board member Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Lambert made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk