# 14665 State Route 22 New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting April 14, 2010

The regular meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Bingham, Lambert, Gavrity, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education.

ABSENT: Board Member Luhrmann

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

### **Public Comment**

None.

# Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments

Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor, notified the Board that April 15, 2010 is Operation Safe Stop day.

Superintendent McGraw spoke about a new teacher support program that is in place which was established by staff developers.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that new gym mats have been installed at the Jr./Sr. High School, she will be working on sending out requests for proposals for banking services, a scholarship that was listed as unclaimed funds with NYS was returned, and she discussed state aid withholding.

Daniel Packard, Walter B. Howard Elementary Principal, notified the Board that that a lockdown drill was conducted. New York State testing will be starting soon. A performance by the Lake George Opera was held recently and was sponsored by the PTA. A Jazz Band concert was performed for students. On a recent professional development day, Mr. Packard and staff members went to Hudson Schools to observe a lesson and to see how they utilize their leveled literacy program which is the same program used at WBH.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, notified the Board that Tracey Wellington is the featured student of the month at The Pillars restaurant. Ms. Brooks, Art Teacher, has her series of photographs displayed at The Pillars. Megan Darcy has a solo exhibit at the New Lebanon Public Library for the month of March. Nicole Pixley, Megan Farrell, Maggie Springer, Hannah Springer and Meredith Lucas have work submitted to The Women's Club art show. Maggie Springer, Tracey Wellington, Anna Hogle and Nicole

ley have work submitted to Hudson Valley's annual student art exhibit. Ms. Whitcomb thanked Mr. Thompson and the New Lebanon Foundation for a Big Soul Ensemble concert. During the March Superintendent's Conference day, math teachers trained to create a new Geometry lab. Ms. Berens, Library Media Specialist, attended a CASA library conference

**Public Comment** 

Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments

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recently. Ms. Whitcomb has been working with Mr. Packard on planning 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade transition activities. Prom is next weekend.

nara Thorpe-Odom, Special Education Director, notified the Board that Annual Reviews have started. The department goal is to increase parent involvement in the reviews. The middle school staff have been invited to be a part of the Annual Reviews to enhance transition.

#### Minutes

# **Action Item**

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Review and approval of the March 17, 2010 minutes.
- b. Review and approval of the March 23, 2010 minutes.

## Superintendent

# **Non-Action Items**

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board regarding Transportation department options. Mary Mabb from Schodack Central School District's Transportation Department spoke to the Board as well.

Sharon Koomler from the Lebanon Valley Historical Society spoke to the Board about a survey that they recently conducted regarding the Union Free School building. They want to apply for a stabilization grant through Lowe's and asked the Board's permission to do so.

## ion Items

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve item A. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

a. To authorize the Lebanon Valley Historical Society to apply for a stabilization grant for the Union Free School building with the understanding that the School District will not incur any costs and the ways and means of stabilization is approved by the District.

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve items B-C as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. To approve a request from the New Lebanon Summer Youth program to use the Shatford Pool, July 12 August 13, 2010 from 8:30 11:30 a.m.
- c. To approve a request from the Stephentown Youth Commission to use the Shatford Pool July 5 August 13, 2010 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday Friday.

### Financial

## **Non-Action Item**

Susan Bues, Internal Claims Auditor, presented her quarterly report to the Board.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier and Karen McGraw reviewed the 2010-2011 proposed budget.

#### **Action Items**

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-J as a block. Seconded by Board mber Bingham. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To adopt the 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$12,634,633.
- b. To authorize payment to Eastern Building & Restoration, Inc., in the amount of \$25,759.25 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (walls).

Minutes

Transportation Discussion

Union Free School Building

**Stabilization Grant Application** 

NL Summer Youth Program Pool Use

Stephentown Youth Commission Pool Use

Internal Claims Auditor Report

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c. To authorize payment to Eastern Building & Restoration, Inc., in the amount of \$4,071.70 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (walls).

d To approve budget transfers totaling \$49,463.00.

To approve the February, 2010 Treasurer's report. (information mailed with agenda)

- f. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated January 1-31, 2010 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- g. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated February 1-28, 2010 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- h. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated February 28, 2010 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- i. To approve a Health Service contract with Averill Park Central School District for the 2009-2010 school year to provide health services to 2 students attending Robert C. Parker school at a rate of \$392.93 per child and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, and the Board Clerk to execute the agreement.

To award surplus items bids to the highest bidder(s), as per chart below as a result of a

bid opening on April 5, 2010.

Bidder Name	Surplus Item	Total Bid Submitted
Harold Hoffman	98 Gallon Propane Hot Water Heater	\$10.00
Glenn Giumarra	Delta Radial Arm Saw	\$75.00
Glenn Giumarra	Delta Jointer	\$100.00
Glenn Giumarra	Delta Belt Sander	\$100.00
Michelle Bienes	Motorola 1670 Cell Phone	\$5.00
Michelle Bienes	2 Floor Toms	20.00

## rriculum and Instruction

### **Action Items**

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items A-D as a block. Seconded by Board Member Lambert. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

a. To review and approve the following revised policy (second reading):

7512 | Student Physicals

b. To approve excessing approximately 124 Jr./Sr. High school library books.

c. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students:

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d. To approve continuation of the swimming team and wrestling team merger with Berlin Central School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

#### Personnel

#### **Action Items**

Board Member Lambert made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitute for the 2009-2010 school year effective March 29, 2010.

Teacher Rate (per day)
Anne Cipkowski (certified) \$90.00

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Bryon Lewis, Leonard Brown and Frank Healy co-directors of the intramural gymnastics program with a shared stipend of \$600 as per contract effective March 1, 2010.

Eastern Building & Restoration Payments

February, 2010 Treasurer's report

Jr./Sr. High Extra Curricular Accounts 1/31/10

Jr./Sr. High Extra Curricular Accounts 1/28/10

WBH Extra Curricular Accounts 2/28/10

Averill Park Central Health Service Contract

Awarded Surplus Items Bid

Approved Policy

124 Library Books Excessed

CSE/CPSE Programs & Placements

Swimming and Wrestling Teams Merger with Berlin CSD

Anne Cipkowski, Certified Substitute

Bryon Lewis, Leonard Brown & Frank Healy Co-Directors for Gymnastics

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**Board Open Discussion Board Open Discussion** None. **Public Comment** olic Comment None. **Executive Session Executive Session** Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk Pro-Tem Clerk Pro-Tem Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Adjournment Adjournment Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Lambert. 6 axes, 0 nays. Respectfully submitted, Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk