



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
April 18, 2012

The regular meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members: Wood, Gavrity, Kroboth, Bienes, and Sotek (arrived at 7:04 p.m.). Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator

ABSENT: Board Members Sowalski and Bingham

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

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| <p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Curriculum and Instruction <u>Non-Action Items</u> Students from Glenn Giumarra’s Physics class participated in and won General Dynamic’s Engineer’s week catapult challenge. The team demonstrated their work to the Board.</p> <p>Kelly O’Brien and students performed a dance developed as part of their Arts in Education experience</p> <p>Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, acknowledged the following scholar athletes: Christine Bienes, Meghan Moffit, Destiny Breen, Sage Soldato, Kayla Carson, Kendra Houston and Eva Weeks.</p> <p>Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, spoke to the board about strategies used to promote good attendance, reduce drop-out rate and increase graduation rates.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the following revised policy (first reading):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="89 1549 1000 1587"> <tr> <td>5661</td> <td>Student Wellness Policy</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Action Items</u> Board Member Sotek made a motion to approve items a-e as a block. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 5 ayes, 0 nays.</p> <p>a. To approve the following chaperones for a Sixth grade class trip to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, NJ on June 5, 2012.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 1803 1117 1902"> <tr> <td>Christy Latter</td> <td>David Woulfin</td> <td>Becky Vaillancourt</td> <td>Freling Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alannah Farham</td> <td>Don Denué</td> <td>Vicki Burgess</td> <td>Keith Dezieck</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April Smith</td> <td>Sarah York</td> <td>Candice Springstead</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | 5661 | Student Wellness Policy | Christy Latter | David Woulfin | Becky Vaillancourt | Freling Smith | Alannah Farham | Don Denué | Vicki Burgess | Keith Dezieck | April Smith | Sarah York | Candice Springstead | | <p>Public Comment</p> <p>General Dynamic’s Engineer’s Catapult Challenge</p> <p>Arts in Education Presentation</p> <p>Scholar Athletes</p> <p>Revised Policy (First Reading)</p> <p>Medieval Times--Chaperones</p> |
| 5661 | Student Wellness Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Alannah Farham | Don Denué | Vicki Burgess | Keith Dezieck | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April Smith | Sarah York | Candice Springstead | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- b. To approve the following chaperones for a Nature's Classroom field trip in Silver Bay, NY on May 21-25, 2012

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| Karl Erickson | Michael Keating | Marcie Roberston | Peggy Markou |
| Christopher Aldous | John Houck | Scott Green | Shari Gandomski |
| Pat Zema | Randolph Lukas | Yahna Saltsman | Daniel May |

- c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following chaperones for a jazz band trip to Springfield, Massachusetts on May 18, 2012.

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| Scott Thompson | Michelle Bienes |
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- d. To approve excessing approximately 47 (multiple copies) 39 (poor condition) Jr./Sr. High School library books.
- e. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students:

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| 000002472 | 000002237 | 000002269 | 092100145 | 000002034 | 000002445 |
| 000002449 | 000012296 | 082390000 | 000002298 | 000000892 | 000002485 |
| 000002411 | 000002406 | 000002346 | 092100020 | 092100043 | 083360000 |
| 000002386 | 000002512 | 000002384 | 000002116 | 000002268 | |

Nature's
Classroom,
Chaperones

Jazz Band,
Chaperones

Excess Library
Books

CSE/CPSE
Programs and
Placements

Acknowledgments/
Administrative
Comments

Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, notified the Board that the Special Education Department has been working together with the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School administrators, faculty, and staff to prepare for state test administration. The Department has scheduled review with teaching assistants, proctors, and case managers to assist in the implementation of testing accommodations. As we continue to foster independence, students in grades 6-12 have been invited to attend IEP meetings to discuss future goals, track progress, monitor their academic program and services, and to provide input on their academic and social-emotional performance. Ongoing transition and goal setting training has been occurring in both buildings. We are also excited to welcome, Alan Traeger -Special Education Consultant from Long Island who will work as our embedded staff developer to support inclusion throughout the district. Mr. Traeger will be working with all staff and will also meet with the Administrative Cabinet and provide recommendations.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that the maintenance department repaired a grease trap at WBH during break week. They also finished installing new gym lights at the Jr./Sr. High School

Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, notified the Board that seven 5th and 6th grade girls will attend a one-day conference on May 11th at Columbia Greene Community College which fosters leadership. Students in grades K-5 will be participating in the Junior Achievement program this year. On April 6th, thirty-three 4th-6th grade students performed in a gymnastics club show. The PTA sponsored a K-6 assembly entitled the Notion of Motion. Grades 3-6 are in the process of taking NYS ELA and Math tests. The drama club will perform Aladdin, Jr. on April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, notified the Board that "Welcome To 7th Grade" night is being held on April 26. The National Honor Society Induction is scheduled on April 25. Most students have placed their course requests for next year. The 8th grade took a field trip to Spanish Harlem. The Jr./Sr. High School hosted trivia night. Four teacher teams, and one student team competed against community member teams to benefit the New Lebanon Foundation.

Superintendent McGraw, notified the Board that the District received a Utica National School Safety Award. Discussion regarding the design of the Union Free Building memorial would

take place in May or June.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Review and approval of the March 14, 2012 minutes.

Financial

Non-Action Items

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier gave a final presentation of the proposed 2012-2013 budget. She also spoke about an extra-curricular sales tax reimbursement.

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items a-o as a block. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To adopt the 2012-2013 budget: RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$12,440,790 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.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the New Lebanon Central School District Board of Education hereby adopts the property tax report card.
- c. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated February 29, 2012 as submitted by Emily Briggs, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- d. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular accounts dated March 31, 2012 as submitted by Emily Briggs, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- e. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular accounts dated February 1-28, 2012 as submitted by Sarah Roblez, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- f. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular accounts dated March 1-31, 2012 as submitted by Sarah Roblez, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- g. To approve the February, 2012 Treasurer’s report.
- h. To approve budget transfers totaling \$11,883.00.
- i. To accept a donation of three books with an approximate value of \$33.00, from Hovlyn May, to be used in the early education art program at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School.
- j. To accept a donation of \$87.00 from Hannaford Helps Schools.
- k. To increase budget line A21104503 by \$87.00.
- l. To authorize payment to Cristo Demolition, Inc. in the amount of \$53,915.35 for demolition work. (Union Free School Building).
- m. To authorize reimbursement of \$79.54 to the Jr./Sr. High School student council extra-curricular account.
- n. To increase the 2011-2012 budget line A9739.600 by \$405,000. (memo mailed with agenda)
- o. To approve a Health Service contract with East Greenbush Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year to provide health services to seven students attending Holy Spirit School and two students attending Montessori School at a rate of \$541.55 per child and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, and the Board Clerk to execute the agreement.

Minutes

Final 2012-13 Budget Presentation & Extra-Curricular Sales Tax

2012-2013, Budget Adoption

Property Tax Report Card

WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts, 2/29/12 & 3/31/12

Jr./Sr. Extra-Curricular Accounts, 2/28/12 & 3/31/12

February, 2012 Treasurer’s report

Budget Transfers

Accepted Book Donation

Accepted \$87.00 Donation

Cristo Demolition, Inc. Payment Board Open Discussion

Student Council Account Reimbursement

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Bienes made a motion to approve items a-j as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To accept the resignation of J. Richard Morgan, Social Worker, for purpose of retirement, effective, June 30, 2012.
- b. To accept the resignation of William Johnson, Special Education Teacher, for purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.
- c. To accept the resignation of Anthony Tomaselli, Social Studies Teacher, effective June 30, 2012.
- d. BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, that the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District increases a .49, K-12 Physical Education position to a .6 position effective September 1, 2012.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint James Hosley to a .6, K-12 Physical Education position effective September 1, 2012.
- f. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following volunteer coach for the 2011-2012 school year:

| Volunteer Coach | Sport | Stipend |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Brooke Warden | Girls Modified Softball | (Volunteer) No stipend |

- g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Michael Guido to the position of substitute nurse (LPN), at a rate of \$16.68 per hour, effective April 19, 2012.
- h. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year:

| Name | Certified or Uncertified | Position | Rate |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Jason Goldstein | Certified | Substitute Teacher | \$95.00 per day |
| Brooke Warden | Certified | Substitute Teacher | \$95.00 per day |

- i. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kelly Layton to an education of children with handicapping conditions – general special education and remedial reading tenure area position (permanent substitute) from May 7, 2012, through June 22, 2012 at a per diem rate of \$207.00 (without benefits). Ms. Layton has a Masters and Initial certifications in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6.), Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6 and Grades 1-2), Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6).
- j. To appoint the following as Inspectors of Election:

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| Carol Decker | Stephen Thompson | Lisa Kreutziger |
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Superintendent

Non-Action Item

Superintendent McGraw reminded the Board about an April 24, 2012 Board meeting for the purpose of voting on the Questar III budget and board member vote.

Actions Items

Board Member Kroboth made a motion to approve items a-b as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To approve a request from the New Lebanon Summer Youth program to use the Shatford Pool, July 2 – August 15, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.
- b. To approve the use of school district buses at no extra charge except for the cost of fuel and a driver by the New Lebanon Summer Youth Program to the following destinations:

**Increased Budget Line
Health Service Contract with EG**

**J. Richard Morgan,
Retirement**

**William Johnson,
Retirement**

**Anthony Tomaselli,
Resignation**

Increased .49 PE position to .6

James Hosley, .6 K-12 PE

**Brooke Warden,
Girls Modified Softball Volunteer**

**Michael Guido,
Substitute LPN**

**Jason Goldstein & Brooke Warden,
Substitute Teachers**

**Kelly Layton,
Permanent Substitute**

**Carol Decker,
Stephen Thompson, Lisa Kreutziger,
Inspectors of Election**

**April 24, 2012
Questar III Budget and Board Member Vote**

NL Summer Youth Program Pool and Field Trips

| Date | Destination |
|---------|---|
| 7/20/12 | Zoom Flume (East Durham, NY) |
| TBD | Spare Time Bowling (East Greenbush, NY) |
| TBD | Six Flags New England, (Agawam, MA) |

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Gavrity commended the administrative team for establishing a budget with a 0% tax levy without cutting programs. She also commented that the General Dynamics catapult challenge, demonstrated by Glenn Giumarra’s student’s, mirrors real life.

Board Member Kroboth inquired about the status of iPads for Board Members.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Wood made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
 Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Board Open Discussion

Public Comment

Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment