



Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Policy Committee Meeting- WBH Library at 5:30pm,
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
WBH-Library at 7:01pm

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 5:30PM IN THE LIBRARY

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held in the Library at WBH. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:01pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert X
Mike Bienes A
Tracy Bingham A
Martha Esposito X 7:05pm
Sharon Putnam X
Christine Sotek X
Monique Wood X
Galen Martin A

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb X
Matt Klafehn X
Andrew Kourt X
Mike Los X
Rick Arket X
Jennifer Morris

2. QUESTAR III BOARD MEMBER VOTE

Non-Action

A. The Board discussed the following three candidates running for the three Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III openings: Carol Orvis, Paul Puccio and Frank Zwack, Jr.

Action:

Board member Wood made the motion to elect members in item 2B. Board President Lambert seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

B. Motion to elect members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Questar III: Carol Orvis, Paul Puccio and Frank Zwack, Jr.

3. QUESTAR III ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

Action:

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve item 3A. Board member Wood seconded. 4 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 2015-16 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$5,835,872.00.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student Representative Update. Galen Martin was not present.

B. WBH Update given by Andrew Kourt. The habit of the month is Sharpen the Saw, meaning taking care of yourself. Students are tracking the amount of sleep they get for a reward of Pajama Day. 3-8 testing is this and next week. Many families have decided to opt out. He advised the Board of how many opt outs per grade there were. WBH's focus next year will be on writing. April's event was the Easter egg hunt. May's event will be Spring craft night. June will be a family picnic. WBH is recruiting new PTA members for next year. The square one art fundraiser raised \$900. The Drama Club performed pieces from their musical Shrek.

C. JSHS Update given by Matt Klafehn. He informed the Board of the JSHS participation rates in grades 7-8 testing. Rick Jason's Advanced Nanotechnology students had the experience of remotely access Penn State microscopes and were able to command them. The General Dynamics Engineer's Week competition was last week. Glenn Giumarra spoke regarding the competition. Becca's Closet was last week facilitated by Michelle Bienes. She collected 600 dresses. 45 distributed as well as make up, shoes, and accessories. She will try to keep the program running and involve other districts next year. Faculty vs. alumni basketball game was also last week. Proceeds benefited the class of 2017. All county concert was also that night in Chatham. He read from a book that was published with one of his student's work regarding race. Information night for incoming 7th graders is coming up. Spanish field trip to Proctors via NL Foundation grant will be tomorrow. Trivia night is Friday at 7pm. This is NL foundation's sole fundraiser. Ben Long and Kara Sokolowski will participate in a Questar III science research program where they will conduct summer research in college with other scientists and share ideas and strategies to bring to the classroom. Harry Downey, class of 1972, contacted the school regarding his brother, James P Downey, class of 1982. James was promoted by President Obama. He is possibly the 1st flag level officer in New Lebanon district. James is also the brother of Susan Downey Luhrmann, who previously served on the Board of Education.

D. Athletic Report given by Rick Arket. Sports are in the thick of Spring season. Due to poor weather before spring break, schedules are condensed with 4-5 games a week.

E. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update given by Mike Los. Update on BOCES workman's compensation consortium. He reviewed attached documents.

F. Transportation quarterly update given by Patty Gallup. She thanked the local highway departments for their help with the snow this season. Spring bus drills coming up, she described protocols. They are preparing for summer bus runs.

G. Superintendent Update given by Leslie Whitcomb. No petitions came in for school board nominations. They will be filled with write in candidates. Curriculum coordinator and Principal meetings took place. They discussed curriculum and future needs. At the Superintendent's Conference day on March 20, the staff from all over Columbia County worked on curriculum and building on programs as students move up to high school. New Lebanon hosted all area business teachers. Other teachers met by department at other districts. She will look to do this again in the future.

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Non-Action

A. WBH Drama Club performance happened during the WBH update.

B. NYS K-12 Social Studies Framework. Matt Klafehn spoke in regards to educational reform. Social Studies future changes include: focus on conceptual understanding, foster student inquiry, integrate content and skills purposefully.

C. Presentation of the 2013-14 School Report Card presented by Superintendent Whitcomb. Graduating class of 2014- some information may be old, depending on when tests were taken by the student. Areas of concern are gaging progress and Science 8 and Grade 6 math.

Action

Board member Wood made the motion to approve items 6D-H. Board member Putnam seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

D. Motion to approve the addition of a new Programming with Games & Gadgets course for the 2015-16 school year

E. Motion to approve chaperones for the Jazz Band trip to Springfield, MA. on May 15, 2015: Scott Thompson, Clint Garrigan and Michelle Bienes.

F. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements

G. Motion to approve the WBH Drama Club field trip to NYC on June 17, 2015 to see Aladdin on Broadway with the following chaperones: Becky Griffith, Hillary Watts, Laura Jubie, Vicki Ouimet, Kelsey Boyce, Tylea Gebbie, Britt Buckenroth, Amy Chaput, Ashley Vincent, Mary Keating, Bill Major, Barb Schafer and Marianna Priest and alternate Donna Cyrwus

H. Motion to approve a field trip to Harlem, May 8, 2018 for 8th grade Spanish Students and to appoint Eileen Evans, Dan Fountain, Michelle Daus and Kara O'Hare as chaperones

7. POLICY

Non-Action

A. Policy renumbering and review update

B. Review of NYSSBA recommended additional policies. (first reading): 4321.6, 4321.7, 4321.11, 4321.14 and 9260

C. Review of new policy to replace seven existing policies. (first reading): as per attached.

Action

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve item 7D. Board member Putnam seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

D. Motion to renumber NLCSB policies to align with NYSSBA's recommended policy numbers as recorded in the "New Lebanon School District Board Policy Manual Compliance Review and Renumbering" report.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve item 8A. Board member Sotek seconded.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

A. Motion to approve the March 11, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes

9. FINANCIAL

Non-Action

A. Third Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report.

B. Final Budget Presentation given by Superintendent Whitcomb and Michael Los.

Action

Board member Esposito made the motion to approve item 9C-K. Board member Putnam seconded.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

C. Motion to accept the Third Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report

D. Motion to adopt the 2015-16 Budget. RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$12,674,751.00 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.

E. Motion to approve the February 2015 Treasurer's Report

F. Motion to approve the March 2015 Treasurer's Report

G. Motion to approve the February 2015 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report

H. Motion to approve the March 2015 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report

I. 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.

J. Motion to accept a donation of a wooden desk from Ben Long with an estimated value of \$100.

K. Motion to authorize transfers totaling \$127,500.00, as per attached.

10. PERSONNEL

Action

Board member Wood made the motion to approve item 9C-K. Board member Sotek seconded.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

A. Motion to upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following 2015 Summer Academy staff effective July 6, 2015- July 30, 2015.

Dotan Schips	Summer Academy Teacher	\$30/hour
Mary Beth Liles	Summer Academy Teacher	\$30/hour

B. Motion to accept a resignation from Melissa McHugh, CSE Secretary, effective March 23, 2015.

C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Tammy Leonard (currently employed) to the probationary position of CSE Secretary, Step 1, effective April 20, 2015 at a salary of \$34,598.20

D. Motion to accept a resignation from Tammy Leonard, Clerk/Typist effective April 19, 2015.

E. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Steven Hilton to the position of Laborer, effective April 1, 2015 at a rate of \$12.34 per hour.

F. Motion to approve April Smith as a chaperone for the High School Spanish trip.

G. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following certified substitute:

Brina Seguine	Substitute Teaching Assistant/\$14.81 per hour
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H. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Melissa Cook in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2015.

I. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Brooke Dickson in the 7-12 English tenure area, effective September 1, 2015.

J. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Daniel Fountain in the 7-12 Social Studies tenure area, effective September 1, 2015.

K. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Patricia White in the School Psychologist tenure area, effective September 1, 2015

L. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Vicki Ouimet in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2015.

M. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Kellyn Moore in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2015.

N. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, to Kelli Griffin in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2015.

11. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Superintendent Whitcomb updated the Board on the status of Youth Basketball. Only one person was willing to attend a meeting regarding the succession plan of the program, so it was cancelled. She is putting together a letter to send to parents regarding interest. Board member Sotek suggested she send the letter to high school parents too.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Carol Sanford requested the Board to look at an issue her son Matt is facing with his employment. Matthew Sanford stated he brought a letter to the DO for BOE members to review. He'd like to meet with them in exec session. The board granted his request

13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:15pm. Board member Sotek seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

Board member Wood made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk