



Tuesday April 8, 2014
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
WBH Elementary School-Room 3 at 7:00pm

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was held in room 3 at the WBH Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Tim Lambert, Board President; Sharon Putnam, Board Member; Christine Sotek, Board Member (7:07pm); Martha Esposito, Board Member; Monique Wood, Board Member

Absent: Tracy Bingham, Board Member; Michael Bienes, Board Vice President, Leslie Whitcomb, Principal

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Bues talked about the New Lebanon Foundation's Trivia Night on April 25 at 7pm.

3. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Non-Action

- A. Valene Synakowski and Brooke Dickson thanked the New Lebanon Foundation and the Board of Education for funding of the NYC/Broadway field trip. Students Meghan Moffit and Gabby Lambert spoke highly of the trip.
- B. WBH drama club students performed pieces from the upcoming May 2 elementary musical, Beauty and the Beast.
- C. First review of policies 3280, 5640, 7320 and 7515.

Action

- Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 3D-G. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.
- D. Motion to approve chaperones for the Jazz Band trip to Springfield, MA on May 16, 2014
- E. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements
- F. Motion to approve policy 5322
- G. Motion to review and approve the District's Shared Decision Making Plan for July 1, 2014- July 30, 2016

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Non-Action

A. Jr/Sr High School update given by Matthew Klafehn. On March 27, Glenn Giumarra's Physics students competed in the General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems (GDAIS) Engineer's Week Competition in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Connor Feathers, Collin Goodrich, Martin Pedersen, Brandon Ross, and Usman Sadiq comprised the team from NL. This year's challenge demanded that students design, construct and program an autonomous robot. The team placed second in the poster presentation and fourth overall in the operation phase. Last month they conducted their first unannounced Lockdown drill in conjunction with both the Sheriff's Office and the NYS Police. Last week the Grades 7 and 8 ELA state assessments were administered. The Jr. High band and senior choir performed at the All County Music Festival at Ichabod Crane. Our annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 30.

B. Business office/facilities and grounds update by Michael Los. The bid for the pool bathroom came in under projections. The bus garage is expected to be completed by the end of the school year.

C. WBH update was not available.

D. Athletic report given by Rick Arket. He congratulated the Boys' Volleyball team and coach Lenny Brown for receiving the team sportsmanship award as voted on by the coaches in their league. The spring season is well under way with all teams competing this week. A memo was shared with results from a sports interest survey administered to this year's 6th graders and information on possible JV opponents. The board discussed the viability of establishing JV teams, discussed cutting players if numbers are large for a particular team and discussed alternatives to forming a JV team. He is concerned about sustainability as the population of the Jr/Sr HS begins to decrease after next year.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Board member Sotek made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Wood seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the March 19, 2014 Regular Board of Education meeting minutes.

6. FINANCIAL

Non-Action

A. Third quarter internal claims audit report given by Susan Bues

B. Final Budget Presentation given by Business Administrator Los and Superintendent McGraw

Action

Board member Wood made the motion to approve item 7C-J. Board member Esposito seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to award Sam Greco Construction Inc. the bid for the installation of a rest room facility at the Jr/Sr High school pool area. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the installation of a rest room facility at the Jr/Sr High School pool area on April 1,

2014; and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Sam Greco Construction Inc. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contract to the above contractor. THEREFORE: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the installation of a rest room facility at the Jr/Sr High School pool area work is awarded to Sam Greco Construction Inc., with a base bid of \$68,397.00 resulting in a net contract award of \$68,397.00

D. Motion to approve the February 2014 Treasurer's Report

E. Motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget. RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$12,765,996.00 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.

F. 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.

G. Motion to accept the Third Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report as presented by Susan Bues, Internal Claims Auditor.

H. Motion to declare library books obsolete. To approve the sale or disposal of the following surplus and obsolete items to the highest bidder and to give the District Clerk authority to advertise the sale of said items and if unable to find a buyer, to authorize Superintendent McGraw to dispose of the items as per attached.

7. PERSONNEL

Action

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve items 7A-J. Board member Wood seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint the following substitutes, effective April 9, 2014:

Susan Mitchell	Substitute Bus Driver (previously employed as a bus driver)	\$16.10/hour
Victoria Styer	Substitute teaching assistant	\$14.52/hour

B. Motion to extend a probationary appointment term

C. Motion to appoint a tutor

Brooke Dickson	\$25/hour effective March 21, 2014
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D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, Deanna Schuster as a volunteer coach for the girls modified softball team, effective April 7, 2014.

E. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, the following 2014 summer program staff effective July 7, 2014-August 15, 2014, with two preparation days of June 27 and 28.

Kelli Griffin	2014 Summer program teacher	\$30/hour
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Jeffrey Maclutsky	2014 Summer program teacher	\$30/hour
Laura Jubie	2014 Summer program substitute teacher	\$30/hour
Jason Breslin	2014 Summer program substitute teacher	\$30/hour

F. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, the following 2014 Summer Academy staff effective July 7, 2014-August 1, 2014.

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

G. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to Michelle Daus in the home economics-general tenure area, effective September 1, 2014.

H. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to Kelsey Norberg in the industrial arts tenure area, effective September 1, 2014.

I. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to David Knudsen in the 7-12 Social Studies tenure area, effective September 1, 2014.

J. Motion to grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to Maureen Squier in the library media specialist tenure area, effective September 1, 2014.

8. SUPERINTENDENT

Action

A. Motion to authorize Superintendent McGraw to cast the vote to elect a trustee for the Health Insurance Trust.

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Board member Putnam shared information from the Communication Committee.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action

A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a

particular employee. Board member Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action

A. Board member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk