



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
August 31, 2011

The regular meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 6:04 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Kroboth, Sotek, Bienes and Superintendent McGraw

ABSENT: Board Members Gavrity, 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

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Public Comment

Christine Dreyfuss stated that she understands the frustration but would like the District to consider saving the Union Free School building.

Bud Godfroy stated that he is concerned about the maintenance and cost of the Union Free School building as well as on-going costs.

Monty Wasch stated that waiting to find out about the grant still leaves the alternative to demolish.

Nancy Kyle restored two buildings in New Lebanon and feels restoration of the Union Free School building would be good for the community.

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve item a-d. Seconded by Board Member Sotek.

4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Bienes)

a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following Club Advisors for 2011-2012 school year:

Class/Club Advisor		Stipend
Spirit Club	Michelle Bienes	Per contract
Leaping Tigers Board Game Club	Tylea Gebbie (co-advisor)	Per contract
	David Hawkins (co-advisor)	

b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kelsey Norberg to the position of substitute maintenance worker beginning on August 24 and ending on August 25, 2011 at a rate of \$12.70 per hour.

c. To accept the resignation of Ann Singleman, Foreign Language teacher, effective September 30, 2011.

d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kara Siciliano to a long-term substitute position in the 7-12 Language other than English (Spanish) certification area effective September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, and to a probationary position effective October 1 2011 through October 1, 2012 at a salary of \$43,941 as per contract.

Public Comment

**Michelle Bienes,
Spirit Club
Advisor**

**Tylea Gebbie &
David Hawkins,
Leaping Tigers
Board Game Club
Advisors**

**Kelsey Norberg,
Substitute
Maintenance
Worker**

**Ann Singleman,
Resignation**

**Kara Siciliano,
Long-term
Substitute, then
Probationary
Position**

Superintendent

Action Item

Board Member Sotek made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 0 ayes, 6 nays. The motion failed.

- a. To authorize Superintendent McGraw to collaborate with the Town of New Lebanon to apply for an EPF 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.

Motion Failed

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 3 ayes, 3 nays. The motion failed.

- a. To authorize Superintendent McGraw to collaborate with the Town of New Lebanon and Lebanon Valley Historical Society to apply for an EPF 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 and should the EPF grant not be awarded, the collaboration agreement will end on February 1, 2012.

Motion Failed

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to go forward with the bid process for the demolition of the Union Free School building. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 4 ayes, 2 nays (Bingham and Bienes).

Union Free School Building Demolition Resolution

Board Member Sowalski left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Building Tour

Board of Education Members visited the WBH Elementary school and Jr./Sr. High school buildings for a tour of the facilities.

Public Comment

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Michael Brustch thanked the Board for doing the right thing in voting to demolish the Union Free School building.

Adjournment

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Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
 _____ Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

