



Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education- 7:00pm JSHS Library

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __P__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __P__
Sharon Putnam __P__
Richard Sime __A__

Also in attendance:

Andrew Kourt __P__
Matt Klafehn __A__
Josh Noble __A__
Danielle Brewster __A__
Corey Brown __P__
Lee Bordick __P__

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Putnam at 7:02pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Food Service update-Pat Metzler presented on numbers and local products.

B. Student Representative update- spirit week, winter sports and movie fundraiser.

C. WBH update- Josh Noble left notes on an uptick in illness, craft fair, winter concert, dress up for holiday and progress reports.

D. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn left notes on the community thanksgiving, thanked Hannaford for donations, singing at the firehouse, winter concert and grades.

E. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on winter sports and scheduling, coaching network plan and Berlin's new AD.

F. Business Office update- Lee Bordick presented on

New Lebanon CSD Budget Development Goals - December 2022

New Lebanon CSD will maintain a balanced budget while supporting academic excellence and expanding resources for students and staff.

Increase fiscal awareness among all stakeholders through communication and professional development.

Stay within the tax cap and meet state mandated requirements.

G. Superintendent update

Superintendent Kourt presented on tuition students, fire safety report, budget summary, Liam Buckenroth acknowledgment as a life-saving lifeguard and situation over the summer, remarkable music program, handicapped bus need and facilities meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve item 4A. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the November 9, 2022 Board of Education meeting minutes

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Mentor presentation- Andrew Kourt presented.

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve item 5B. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

B. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements

To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of program and placement for the attached special education students.

C. Review of policies (first reading)

To review the attached policies:

New policies for review 0105,0101, 4000.pdf (687 KB)

0100 policy update.pdf (412 KB)

0115 policy update.pdf (933 KB)

1230 policy update.pdf (514 KB)

1400 policy update.pdf (386 KB)

1530 policy update.pdf (219 KB)

2160 policy update.pdf (510 KB)

4810 policy update.pdf (516 KB)

5225 policy update.pdf (472 KB)

5460 policy update.pdf (844 KB)

8505 policy update.pdf (701 KB)

6. FINANCIAL

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 6A-L. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

A. Motion to approve the external audit report

B. Motion to approve a Corrective Action Plan from the financial audit

C. Motion to approve budget transfers

D. Motion to approve the 2023-24 Budget Calendar

E. Motion to approve the November 2022 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report

F. Motion to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's Report

G. Motion to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's Report

H. Motion to approve the November 2022 Treasurer's Report

I. Motion to approve the 2022-23 School Tax Collection Report

J. Motion to reimburse over or double paid tax payments

K. Motion to update a resolution for the emergency capital project

WHEREAS, on or around January 26, 2022, New Lebanon Central School District (the "District") was notified a test of its water supply revealed a contaminant, Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid ("PFOs"), in an amount of 11 parts per trillion above New York State's maximum contaminant level of 10 parts per trillion; and

WHEREAS, on or around January 26, 2022, the District selected Mosaic Architects ("Mosaic") to draw up plans and design a Granulated Activated Carbon water system (the "Project") to filter the District's water supply;

WHEREAS, Mosaic recommended to the District that it select Scott Swenson, P.E. of Engineered Solutions (the "Engineer") to install the Project on the District's well; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the District has an alternative water source for drinking and cooking and may remain open during the design and installation of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the presence of PFOs in its water supply in an amount above New York State's maximum contaminant level affects the health or safety of students and staff at the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that:

The presence of PFOs in the District's water supply in an amount above New York State's maximum contaminant level requires immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding and constitutes an emergency within the mean of N.Y. General Municipal Law § 103; and

The presence of PFOs in the District's water supply in an amount above New York State's maximum contaminant level constitutes emergency renovation work such that voter approval is not required pursuant to N.Y. Education Law § 416; and

The Board of Education hereby appoints the Engineer to install the Project;

The Board of Education hereby authorizes payment for the Project in the maximum amount of \$150,000 to complete the emergency repairs; and

The costs associated with the Project are ordinary contingent expenses, as such costs are intended to mitigate the emergency effects associated with the presence of PFOs in the District's water supply;

The Board of Education hereby designates itself as "lead agency" under SEQRA for the review of

the Project and, based upon its review of the Project, the Board of Education hereby finds that the proposed Project constitutes a “Type II” action requiring no additional SEQRA review under 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(42) for emergency actions; and

The Project shall be subject to any required approvals from the New York State Education Department, Office of Facilities Planning, Columbia County Department of Health, and New York State Department of Health; and

Mosaic and the Engineer are authorized to take any other necessary steps to ensure that the Project is completed in a timely and legally compliant manner, consistent with all applicable federal, state and local laws.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

L. Motion to accept donations

7. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-E. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

A. Motion to appoint substitutes

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, the following substitutes:

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| Joe DeSena | Substitute Bus Aide, effective December 2, 2022 | \$14.98 per hour |
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B. Motion to appoint a long term teacher substitute

To appoint Tom Laier as a long term substitute to cover a maternity leave beginning on December 14th, 2022-approximately April 1, 2023 to cover a maternity leave at a rate of \$256.23 per day.

Executive Content

Tom is covering for Emily Reardon who is covering for Brooke Dickson (both maternity leaves)

Executive File Attachments

tom laier maternity leave.pdf (63 KB)

C. Motion to appoint a long term teaching assistant substitute

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Carly Maxon as a long term teaching assistant substitute to cover a leave (Tom Laier) from December 14, 2022-approximately April 1, 2023 at a rate of \$95 per day.

D. Motion to extend a long term substitute position

To extend a maternity leave being covered by Brittany McKeown through June 30, 2023 (previously through March 6, 2023) at a rate of \$256.24 per day.

E. Motion to appoint a coach

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Kaley Culbertson as Modified Girls Basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year, stipend as per contract.

8. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting January 11, 2023

9. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Kourt as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice president Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk