



Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Public Forum and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education –
JSHS Library 6:30pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __P__
Racheal Chubb __P__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __P__
Alex Polacinski __P__
Sharon Powers __P__

Also in attendance:

Chris Harper __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Josh Noble __P__
Danielle Brewster __P__
Corey Brown __P__

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Brutsch at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. 2025 State Data Result Update- Nichole McCollum presented on test scores.
- B. Student representative update- absent
- C. WBH Update- Josh Noble presented on state simulations, reading incentive.
- D. JSHS update-Matt Klafehn informed the Board of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian (Jordan Sotek and Vincent Wu), trivia night, all county, chronic absenteeism.
- E. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on open gym, sectionals, large numbers for spring, schedules and feeder programs
- F. Business Office- Danielle Brewster updated the board on interviews.
- G. Superintendent update- Superintendent Harper presented on tenure portfolios, absenteeism, Columbia-Green CC meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 4A. Board member Long seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained (Buckenroth).

- A. Motion to approve the January 14, 2026 Board of Education Meeting minutes

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements

6. FINANCIAL

A. 2026-27 Second Budget Presentation

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 6B-G. Board member Powers seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the December 2025 Treasurer's report

C. Motion to approve budget transfers

D. Motion to approve a contract

E. Motion to approve contracts with Management Advisory Group

F. Motion to approve a contract with the Bonadio Group

G. Motion to authorize Superintendent Harper to enter into an agreement

7. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 7A-D. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint a mentor- Aaron Kanofsky as mentor to Carly Lynch for the 2025-26 school year.

B. Motion to appoint coaches

Jim Van Ess- Varsity girls track

Jared DeLuca- Varsity boys track

Andy Sandstrom- Assistant Varsity Softball

C. Motion to appoint substitutes

Candace Arvidson	Substitute TA/Teacher	\$120 per day
Carlton Truax	Substitute TA/Teacher	\$120 per day

D. Motion to appoint a long-term substitute- Jasmine Kolonics as a long-term school counselor substitute, effective March 1, 2026 at a rate of \$274.73 per day.

8. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting March 11, 2026-WBH

9. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Brutsch made the motion to enter Executive Session at 9:00pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters and the employment history of a particular employee and legal matters. Board member Powers seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk