



Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Policy Committee and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education  
Policy Committee- 6pm-CANCELLED Regular meeting- JSHS Library at 7:00 pm

**Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)**

Tim Lambert            \_\_P\_\_  
Mike Bienes, Jr.        \_\_P\_\_  
Mike Brutsch           \_\_P\_\_  
Raymona Griffin        \_\_A\_\_  
Sharon Putnam         \_\_A\_\_  
Richard Sime            \_\_P\_\_

**Also in attendance:**

Leslie Whitcomb        \_\_P\_\_  
Matt Klafehn            \_\_P\_\_  
Andrew Kourt            \_\_P\_\_  
Josh Noble                \_\_P\_\_  
Kevin Fottrell            \_\_P\_\_  
Janet Stone              \_\_P\_\_  
Patty Gallup             \_\_P\_\_

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Flaherty spoke in regards to Love’s Truck Stop contributing \$80,000 to the school district. Seth Sullivan read a letter to the board in regards to definitions, the board setting taxes, his service, Love’s Truck Stop, public hearings and taking a vote on the Veteran’s tax exemption. Dennis Burek spoke about a straw poll and a call he placed to Senator Marchione’s office.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

**A. Student Representative Report-**Dakota Kubli spoke regarding a breakfast fundraiser for wrestling. Basketball is mostly done. Library read for the record is going on. Board President Lambert congratulated Dakota on being the Salutatorian.

**B. Transportation Quarterly update-** Patty Gallup presented on rough weather this winter, being busy with sectional sport travel, planning the Spring season, upcoming driver training, driver physicals and testing.

**C. WBH Update-** Andrew Kourt presented on Friends of Education award going the PTA President Val Ozga. Teachers are working to improve progress monitoring, PTA activity night, school dance, student progress and Google conference day.

**D. JSHS Update**

Matt Klafehn updated the Board on his Principal’s Guild meetings, untenured teacher meetings, honor roll percentages, and acknowledged Freling Smith as the 2017-18 class Valedictorian and Dakota Kubli as Salutatorian.

**E. Athletic Report-** Josh Noble updated the Board on sectionals, league meeting update, swimming sectionals and the athletic banquet.

**F. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds Update**

Kevin Fottrell presented we are already in compliance with a “lunch shaming” bill, we were in contact with the DEC, they want us to provide them with a timeline for cleaning the oil that was found at the old bus garage, logging at WBH, PESH report and new payroll forms.

**4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**A. Building Level Shared Decision Making Reports-**Andrew Kourt and Matt Klafehn presented.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 4B-C. Board member Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**B. Motion to approve the sixth grade class trip**

**C. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements** for the following special education students: 000002472, 092100302, 083360000, 092100419, 092100612, 000002449, 092100473, 000002269, 092100575, 092100553 and 092100612.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**A. Motion to approve the January 24, 2018 Board of Education Meeting minutes**

**6. FINANCIAL**

**A. 2018-19 Budget Discussion-** Second presentation of 2018-19 proposed budget given by Superintendent Whitcomb and Business Administrator Fottrell.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 6B-E. Board member Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**B. Motion to approve the December 2017 Treasurer's Report**

**C. Motion to approve the January 2018 Extra-Curricular Report**

**D. Motion to accept a donation-** To accept a donation from Michael Gleason of an IBM server as per attached

**E. Motion to declare items excess or obsolete-** To approve the sale or disposal of the following surplus or 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 Whitcomb to dispose of the items as per below:

2 face mask filters for pool chemical maintenance

**7. PERSONNEL**

Board member Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-F. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**A. Motion to appoint substitutes** -To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitutes, effective February 15, 2018:

Joaquin Bernal	Substitute teaching assistant/\$13 per hour, substitute teacher \$85 per day
Ian Marvinney	Substitute teaching assistant/\$13 per hour, substitute teacher \$100 per day.
Christopher Jacoby	Substitute teaching assistant/\$13 per hour, substitute teacher \$100 per day.

**B. Motion to amend an appointment**

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Brittany DiPalma and Eileen Evans as co-advisors of the class of 2021, with a shared stipend of \$731 (previously Mary Beth Liles).

**C. Motion to appoint a teacher aide per student IEP**-To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Frank Girardi as a teacher aide, per student iep, effective February 6, 2018 at a rate of \$12.92 per hour.

**D. Motion to appoint a long term school psychologist**- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Christina Jager to a long term substitute school psychologist position, per diem at a rate of \$233.23, effective March 5, 2018- May 31, 2018.

**E. Motion to accept a resignation**-To accept a resignation from Eileen Payst, effective March 8, 2017.

**F. Motion to accept a resignation**- To accept a resignation for the purpose of retirement from Scott Thompson, effective June 30, 2018.

**8. POLICY**

**A. Review policies (first reading)**- To review the attached policies:

- New NYSSBA policy 6741.pdf (168 KB)
- NL 7420 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5280.pdf (197 KB)
- NL 8450 to be replaced by NYSSBA 4327.pdf (91 KB)
- NL policy 5410 to be replaced by NYSSBA 6700.pdf (771 KB)
- NL Policy 5761 to be replaced by NYSSBA 8414.5.pdf (330 KB)
- NL policy 6123 to be replaced by NYSSBA 9140.1.pdf (201 KB)
- NL policy 7314 8270 to be replaced by NYSSBA 4526.pdf (260 KB)
- NL policy 7430 to delete.pdf (53 KB)
- NL policy 7570 to be renumbered to NYSSBA 5451.pdf (28 KB)

Board member Bienes made the motion to approve item 8B. Board member Stone seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**B. Motion to approve policies (second reading)**

To approve the following policies:

New NYSSBA policy 4513 to be adopted.pdf (89 KB)  
NL 1336 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5252.pdf (91 KB)  
NL 7242 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5500.pdf (585 KB)  
NL 7552 to be replaced by NYSSBA 5030.pdf (230 KB)  
NL 8260 to be replaced by NYSSBA 1900.pdf (773 KB)

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. Curriculum Coordinator meetings update-** Information provided by Superintendent Whitcomb on meetings with curriculum coordinators

## **10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **A. Next Board of Education Meeting March 14, 2018**

Board President Lambert spoke regarding the Veterans exemption. He asked the other board members for a show of hands if they wanted to take a vote. (No show of hands)

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dennis Burek asked about a proposal for community input and the increase in taxes. Kevin Smith recommended the board put it on the next ballot and let the constituents vote on it. Gary Flaherty noted he doesn't live in the school district, he is the director for the county; has spoken with the town assessor and the public.

## **12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee at 8:07pm. Board member Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Lambert made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Board member Stone seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk