



Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education – JSHS Library 7pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __A__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __P__
Sharon Powers __P__
Sharon Putnam __P__
Thom Rigg __A__
Racheal Chubb __P__

Also in attendance:

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

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. BOARD BUSINESS

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 2A. Board member Powers seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve a resolution WHEREAS, in May 2023, District voters elected Tom Rigg as a member of the Board; And WHEREAS, Mr. Rigg’s term commenced on July 1, 2023 and expires on June 30, 2026; And WHEREAS, Mr. Rigg has missed at least three (3) successive Board meetings and has not provided a sufficient excuse for his absences; and WHEREAS, consistent with N.Y. Education Law, the Board seeks to declare Mr. Rigg’s seat vacant by virtue of his refusal to serve as a Board member; and NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board declares Mr. Rigg’s Board seat vacant by virtue of his refusal to serve. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to approve item 2B. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to appoint a temporary board member- To appoint Racheal Chubb as a temporary board member to fill Thom Rigg’s vacated position until the May 20, 2025 budget vote and board member election.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student representative update- None

B. WBH Update- Josh Noble presented on ELA programming, assessment audits.

C. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on- all county, boces training, elective fair and information night for 8th graders.

D. Business Office- Danielle Brewster presented on food service revenue, rfp for auditors.

E. Superintendent update- Superintendent Harper presented on town sanding, graduation rate and honor roll.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the January 8, 2025 Board of Education Meeting minutes

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Review of Policies (first read)

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 6BA. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements

7. FINANCIAL

A. 2025-26 Second Budget Presentation
Second presentation of proposed budget.

Board member Long made the motion to approve item 7B-D. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the December 2024 Treasurer's report

C. Motion to approve budget transfers

D. Motion to accept donations

8. PERSONNEL

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve item 8A-E. Board member Long seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To appoint Tim Christiansen as Fitness Club advisor for the 2024-25 school year with a stipend of \$600.

B. To accept a resignation from Emily Kreutziger, effective February 28, 2024.

C. To accept a resignation from Ethan Race effective April 30, 2025.

D. Motion to appoint coaches

Varsity Baseball: Chris Bonacquisti
Varsity Baseball: Andrew Starks
Varsity Track (Girls): Jim Van Ess
Varsity Track (Boys): Aaron Kanofsky
Varsity Track (Girls Asst): Tallulah Powers
Andy Sandstorm : V Softball assistant

E. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Cindy Hanger as a Teaching Assistant, step 1, at rate of \$19.33 per hour, effective February 3, 2025.

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting March 5, 2025
Questar superintendent survey results.

10. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Brutsch made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:06pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters and the employment history of a particular employee and legal matters. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk