

NEWLEBANON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
February 3, 2010

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 6:50 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The public hearing was started after the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Bingham, Luhrmann, Gavriity, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor and Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal.

ABSENT: Board Member Lambert

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Public Hearing The public hearing on Real Property Tax Exemption for Limited Income was opened at 6:50 p.m. by Board Member Wood. The hearing was closed at 6:59. A hearing will be held at the next board meeting for Tax Exemption for Disability Income.</p>	<p>Public Hearing</p>
<p>Public Comment None.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments Ed Davis, Transportation Supervisor notified the Board that the District had a 100% passing rate with D.O.T. during a recent inspection. Morning and afternoon attendance is now being taken to determine ridership data for route efficiency.</p> <p>Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that the construction project at Walter B. Howard elementary will be starting during February break. After February break week is over, they will begin working second shift and should finish by April break. The funding for this project will come from capital and stimulus monies.</p> <p>Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that she is working on a grant through Lowes and the transfer sheet that was included in the Board packet has been updated by \$.20 and a corrected version was distributed at the meeting.</p> <p>Daniel Packard, Walter B. Howard Principal notified the Board that safety drills have been conducted. Progress reports are going home soon. Tiger Jam was about citizenship this month. Maddy Teachout won the Spelling Bee that was held this week.</p> <p>Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School notified the Board that Geneva Furlano is the Valedictorian and Margo Margaret Springer is the Salutatorian. Geneva Furlano won a CHVL scholarship. This is the third year that New Lebanon senior has won. Jennifer Evans, Social Studies teacher, is working on a grant to create a digital archive about New Lebanon and the relationship with the Roosevelt's. A Drivers Education course will be</p>	<p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p>

offered this summer. There were good test results on the January regents.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Special Education Director, notified the Board that she has been reviewing her budget, services and programs. She is seeking parental involvement to attend a Recipe for Success conference for post secondary goals.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the January 20, 2010 minutes as amended. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Item

Principals Dan Packard and Leslie Whitcomb discussed the district report card and programming for grades K-12. They discussed data analysis, academic intervention services and support and program review and improvement.

Action Item

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Smith.

- a. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education student:

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Financial

Non-Action Items

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, gave budget presentations on instructional, curriculum, staff development and technology programs as well as special education programs.

Matt Klafehn, Assistant Principal, gave a report on fund raising by students/extra curricular activity guidelines.

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-K as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention. (Luhmann)

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts a maximum income level of \$29,000.00 at 50% with a \$37,399.99 sliding scale option limit to 5% to apply to the senior citizen limited income exemption.
- b. To approve the November, 2009 Treasurer's report.
- c. To approve the December, 2009 Treasurer's report.
- d. To authorize payment to BR Johnson in the amount of \$12,877.45 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (window and door replacement).
- e. To accept a donation of \$50.00 in memory of Stuart Luhmann to support the music department.
- f. To increase budget line A2110.450-4 by \$50.00
- g. To approve a Health Service contract with South Colonie Central Schools for the 2009-2010 school year to provide health services to 2 students attending Hebrew Academy at a rate of \$572.62 per child and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, and the Board Clerk to execute the agreement.

Minutes

District Report Card and Programming Report

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Budget Presentations

Extra-Curricular Activity Report

Senior Citizen Limited Income Level

November, 2009 Treasurer's Report

December, 2009 Treasurer's Report

BR Johnson Payment

Accepted Donation

Increased Budget Line A2110.450-4

Health Services Contract w/Colonie Central Schools Board Open Discussion

- h. To approve a Health Service contract with North Colonie Central School District for the 2009-2010 school year to provide health services to 1 student attending Loudonville Christian at a rate of \$466.11 per child and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, and the Board Clerk to execute the agreement.
- i. To approve a Health Service contract with North Greenbush Common School District for the 2009-2010 school year to provide health services to 1 student attending LaSalle Institute at a rate of \$236.43 per child and to authorize the President of the Board of Education, and the Board Clerk to execute the agreement.
- j. To approve budget transfers totaling \$145,708.20.
- k. To approve a tuition agreement with Hancock Public Schools and to authorize the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

Health Services Contract w/North Colonie Central School

Health Service contract with North Greenbush Common School District

Budget Transfers

Tuition Agreement w/Hancock Public Schools

Personnel

Action Item

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve item A. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Barbara Leatham, to the Home Economics tenure area (permanent substitute) beginning February 1, 2010 and ending April 2, 2010. Ms. Leatham will receive a prorated salary of \$41,647 (without benefits), Step 1 as per contract. Ms. Leatham has a MA and has an initial certificate in Family and Consumer Sciences certification.

Barbara Leatham, Home Economics Perm Substitute

Superintendent

Non-Action Item

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board about the recent meeting with our school board leadership and Berlin Central School's Board leadership. Topics discussed included possibly tuitioning in students from Stephentown, grants, AP courses and athletic successes.

Board Open Discussion

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Board Member Sowalski stated that he was appalled that the girls from the softball team have had to walk to the town's softball field and inquired into our liability if a ball was hit into the road.

Public Comment

None.

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Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation and collective bargaining at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Carrie Nyc-Chevrier left at 9:07 p.m. Board Member Sowalski entered at 9:07 p.m.

Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Luhrmann. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

_____ Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

