



Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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             \_\_A\_\_  
Rob Long                \_\_P\_\_  
Sharon Putnam         \_\_P\_\_  
Richard Sime            \_\_A\_\_

**Also in attendance:**

Andrew Kourt            \_\_P\_\_  
Matt Klafehn            \_\_P\_\_  
Josh Noble               \_\_P\_\_  
Danielle Brewster      \_\_P\_\_  
Corey Brown             \_\_P\_\_

**1. AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM**

A. Audit Committee Meeting- Discuss the need for RFP for External Auditors, Discuss Treasurer's Report expectations

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

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

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. District Data and Assessment. Josh Noble and Matt Klafehn presented on data-lead instruction, regents information, state rankings and junior high academic support.

B. Student representative update- None

C. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on report cards, spirit week and the PTA.

D. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on sports season, spring sports, equipment, staff, budgeting and Tallulah Powers wrestling accomplishments.

E. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on January regents.

F. Business Office update- Danielle Brewster presented on her transition back, auditors and excess funds, BPD presentation in February.

G. Superintendent Update- Superintendent Kourt thanked Cissie West for 50 years in education, facilities update, heating issues and water filtration.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Powers introduced himself and offered help with the water issues.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. Motion to approve the December 14, 2022 Board of Education Meeting minutes

#### 6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 6A-B. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students as per attached:

B. Motion to approve policies (second reading)

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)

#### 7. FINANCIAL

A. 2023-24 Budget Discussion- First presentation of 2023-24 budget on Food Service, O&M and review bus bonding.

B. Review of monthly warrant

Board President Putnam made the motion to approve items 7C-J. Board member Long seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the December 2022 Treasurer's report

D. Motion to amend rates as per below:

Minimum wage rate (effective 12/31/22)	\$14.20
IRS Mileage reimbursement rate	\$0.65.5

E. Motion to accept donations as per attached.

F. Motion to accept a grant-To accept a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from NYS AHPERD (New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) as per attached

G. Motion to approve the December 2022 Extra-Curricular Report

H. 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 \$200,000 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.

I. Motion to reimburse a duplicate tax payment in the amount of 3,028.71.

J. Motion to approve the Second Quarter Internal Claims Audit Report

**8. PERSONNEL**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 8A-L. Board President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint substitutes effective January 12, 2023:

Ashley DeKraai	Substitute TA/Teacher	\$115 per day effective December 1, 2022
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B. Motion to amend appointments- To reappoint Danielle Brewster to positions previously covered by Lee Bordick for the 2022-23 school year:

Rensselaer Columbia Green Workers Compensation Consortium Representative
Authorization to pay utilities, petty cash and postage per the claims audit review
Authorization to invest surplus funds in accordance with Accepted Investment Practices and Board Policy
Deputy District Clerk
District Treasurer
School Lunch Hearing Officer
Workers Compensation Delegate

C. Motion to accept a resignation from Jamie Curtiss effective January 13, 2023.

**9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

A. Next Board of Education Meeting February 8, 2023 and discussion on facility doodle poll, and potential of keeping a spare bus.

**10. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:45pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Kourt as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk