



Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch P
Bill Buckenroth P
John Kalisz P
Rob Long A
Sharon Powers A
Sharon Putnam P
Thom Rigg A

Also in attendance:

Chris Harper P
Matt Klafehn P
Josh Noble P
Danielle Brewster A
Corey Brown P
Lee Bordick 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. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY BOARD MEMBER

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Sharon Putnam as a temporary board member to fill Kyle Kuffel's vacated position until the May 20, 2025 budget vote and board member election. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. Board member Putnam took her seat at the table.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. Student representative updated on the snowball dance, senior exit interviews and 2-year delay/all county performances.
- B. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on playground golf, pta holiday shop, enrollment up to approximately 250, clubs going well, approximately 30 in each, highmark reps to see faculty and iready starting.
- C. JSBS update- Matt Klafehn presented on highmark wellness, January regents, budget process, financial aide workshop and an elective fair.
- D. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on swim team doing great, basketball has new coaches, wrestling is strong, boys volleyball is new, getting set up for the spring.
- E. Business Office update- Lee Bordick presented the first budget discussion, audits, claim approved.
- F. Superintendent Harper presented on playgolf, swim meet, regional pd in March, security camera and PA system, id cards.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. Motion to approve the December 11, 2024 Board of Education Meeting minutes

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

A. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations

7. FINANCIAL

A. 2025-26 First Budget Presentation of 2025-26 budget on Food Service and O&M.

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

B. Motion to approve the November 2024 Treasurer's Report

C. Motion to approve the December 2024 Extra-Curricular Report

D. Motion to approve the single audit report

E. Motion to amend rates

To amend rates as per below:

Minimum wage rate (effective 1/1/24) \$15.50

IRS Mileage reimbursement rate \$0.70

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

G. Motion to approve budget transfers

H. Motion to approve a contract with Nature's Classroom.

8. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 8A. Board member Long seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint substitutes

Rebecca Mclaughlin Substitute Teacher/TA \$100 per day

Cassidy Picciano Substitute Teacher/TA \$100 per day

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting February 5, 2025

Also discussed: Q3 superintendent search surveys

10. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Brutsch made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:45pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee and legal matters. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board member Buckenroth 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 8:36pm. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk