



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
January 19, 2011

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Lambert, Kroboth, Bingham, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Becky Marzeski, Walter B. Howard Elementary Principal, Matt Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator

ABSENT: Board Member Gavrity

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments None.</p> <p>Minutes <u>Action Item</u> Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve item A. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 5 ayes, 0 nays. a. Review and approval of the January 5, 2011 minutes.</p> <p>Curriculum and Instruction <u>Non-Action Items</u> Sixth grade students, Mason Turner, Tim Lambert and Jordan Maynard presented a comic strip on bullying that is an example of comics created by the boys.</p> <p>Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education presented her 2009-2010 Special Education report.</p> <p><u>Action Items</u> Board Member Kroboth made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 6 ayes, 0 nays. a. To review and approve the following revised policies: (second reading)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="315 1738 1086 1896"> <tr> <td>2320</td> <td>Attendance by Board Member at Conferences, Conventions and Workshops</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2110</td> <td>Orienting New Board Members</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2130</td> <td>Board Member Training on Financial Oversight, Accountability and Fiduciary Responsibilities</td> </tr> </table> <p>b. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education student: 092100118</p>	2320	Attendance by Board Member at Conferences, Conventions and Workshops	2110	Orienting New Board Members	2130	Board Member Training on Financial Oversight, Accountability and Fiduciary Responsibilities	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>Student Presentation</p> <p>2009-2010 Special Ed. Report</p> <p>Approved Policies</p> <p>CSE/CPSE Programs & Placements</p>
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Superintendent**Non-Action Items**

Susan Bell, a representative from NERIC, presented NERIC Connect software to the Board.

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board about receiving preliminary results regarding the RUS Grant (Long Distance Learning). At this point, the district is not successful in receiving it.

Audit Committee**Non-Action Item**

The Board reviewed the Board of Education Audit Committee Charter. The charter will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Financial**Non-Action Items**

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator spoke to the Board about a limited income disability exemption. There will be a hearing conducted at the next Board meeting.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, and Superintendent McGraw presented the 2011-2012 baseline budget.

Action Items

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items A-E as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Lebanon Central School District, location code 101601-04-0000, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends
Secretary to Superintendent/District Clerk	Krista Giangrossi	8	7/1/10-6/30/11
Account Clerk/Treasurer	Sharon Putnam	8	7/1/10-6/30/11

- b. To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated November 1-30, 2010 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- c. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated December 31, 2010 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- d. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for audit services on November 23, 2010 and WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has recommended the award of the proposal to Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.
THEREFORE:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit services proposal is awarded to Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. effective January 20, 2011.
- e. To approve a transfer of \$1884.50 from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund and increase budget line A9050.800 by \$1884.50.

NERIC Connect Presentation

RUS Grant

Audit Committee Charter

Limited Income Disability Exemption

2011-2012 Baseline Budget Presentation

Established Standard Work Days for Appointed Officials

Jr./Sr. High Extra-Curricular Accounts, 11/1-10-11/30/10

WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts, 12/31/10

Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C., Audit Services

Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund Transfer

Personnel**Action Items**

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-I with a deletion of item J. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Cheryl Bickford to the position of substitute bus driver at a rate of \$15.17 per hour, as per CSEA contract, effective January 3, 2011.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Kelly O'Brien to a probationary 7-12 English tenure area position, Step 1 with a salary of \$41,630, effective January 26, 2011. Ms. O'Brien has a BS and has an Initial Certificate in English Language Arts 7-12.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Jim Van Ess as Varsity Track Coach (track events) for the 2010-2011 school year with a stipend of \$2300.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Leilani Hover as Varsity Track Coach (field events) for the 2010-2011 school year with a stipend of \$2300.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Joe Diccico as Boys Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year with a stipend of \$2300.
- f. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Scott White as Boys Modified Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2010-2011 school year with no stipend.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Clint Garrigan to the position of Girls Modified Softball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year with a stipend of \$2000.
- h. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Fred Ruhe to the position of Girls Varsity Softball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year with a stipend of \$2300.
- i. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Joe Stauch to the position of Girls Varsity Softball Assistant Coach for the 2010-2011 school year with no stipend.

Board Open Discussion

The Board discussed the April 6th Questar III dinner meeting and possibly changing our Board meeting date to April 13, 2011. By changing the date, our Board members would be able to attend the Questar III dinner meeting. The date change will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda.

Superintendent McGraw discussed with the Board a USDE grant. The district has applied for a grant which entails labor unions working together. There is a conference that will be held in Colorado in February.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Brustch commented on the Jobs Bill, an analysis of secretaries duties, transportation, and administrators, etc.

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 9:26 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Cheryl Bickford,
Substitute Bus Driver**

**Kelly O'Brien, 7-12
English Teacher**

**Jim Van Ess, Varsity
Track Coach (track
events)**

**Leilani Hover, Varsity
Track Coach (field
events)**

**Joe Diccico, Boys
Varsity Baseball Coach**

**Scott White, Boys
Modified Baseball
Assistant Coach**

**Clint Garrigan, Girls
Modified Softball Coach**

**Fred Ruhe, Girls Varsity
Softball Coach**

**Joe Stauch, Girls
Varsity Softball
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Clerk Pro-Tem

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

Adjournment

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

_____ Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment