

# NEW LEBANON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

14665 State Route 22  
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2010

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Bingham, Lambert, Gavrity (arrived at 7:02), Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator and Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education.

**ABSENT:** Board Members Smith and Luhrmann

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public.

**Public Comment**

Sue Wilkes read a letter from her daughter, Geneva Furlano in support of a softball field at the high school.

Students, Rachel Farrell and Gabrielle Hilts spoke in support of the softball field at the high school.

Nelson Furlano spoke in favor of the softball field and sited safety concerns with regard to students walking to the town field and that the restrooms are broken and not clean.

Sharon Moon asked if an AED is brought to the field.

Christine Dreyfus and Helen Burton spoke in support of preserving the Union Free School building.

Joe Stauch presented letters of support to the Board and notified them that the maintenance of the town field will be the same as it has been in the past.

**Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments**

Superintendent McGraw shared that the Berlin Board of Education would like to meet with the New Lebanon Board. Berlin suggested a meeting the first week of February.

Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that the joint Superintendent's, Business Official and Board Members meeting at Questar III for this Saturday has been rescheduled for March 6 from 9:00 – 1:30.

**Minutes**

**Action Item**

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the January 6, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**Public Comment**

**Acknowledgments/  
Administrative  
Comments**

**Minutes**

**Superintendent**

**Non-Action Items**

Joe Stauch reviewed a work schedule and timeline for the proposed softball field. Excavation and fencing may take up to three weeks as soon as begin to dig. The Board is interested in pursuing the installation of the field.

Superintendent McGraw gave a progress report on her goals.

Board Members discussed the Union Free School timeline.

**Action Item**

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED at the June 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting, a decision will be reached regarding the Union Free School building. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**Financial**

**Non-Action Item**

Susan Bues, Internal Claims Auditor shared her report with the Board.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, gave presentations on Athletic and Co-curricular Activities and General and Undistributed budgets.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier discussed a transportation feasibility study with the Board.

**Action Items**

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve items A-F as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To authorize Superintendent McGraw to enter into an agreement with other area school districts to study transportation possibilities and for the cost not to exceed \$1500.
- b. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for the Stimulus Project reconstruction at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School on January 12, 2010 and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Rosch Brothers. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contracts to the above contractor.  
THEREFORE:  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconstruction at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School is awarded to Rosch Brothers with a base bid of \$43,800 with the additional award of alternates number one, \$27,800, number two, \$21,800, resulting in a net contract award to Rosch Brothers in the amount of \$93,400.
- c. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for Capital Project reconstruction at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School on January 12, 2010 and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Eastern Building Restoration. WHEREAS, the architect has recommended the award of the contracts to the above contractor.  
THEREFORE:  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reconstruction at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School is awarded to Eastern Building Restoration with a base bid of \$23,574 with the additional award of alternate number one, \$11,565, resulting in a net contract award to Eastern Building Restoration in the amount of \$35,139.

**Softball Field**

**Goals**

**Union Free School Discussion**

**Union Free School Resolution**

**Internal Claims Auditor Report**

**Budget Presentations**

**Transportation Feasibility Study**

**Transportation Feasibility Study**

**Rosch Brothers, Bid Award**

**Eastern Building Restoration, Bid Award**

- d. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated November 30, 2009 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- e. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated December 31, 2009 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- f. To approve a transfer of \$15,564.31 from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund and increase budget line A9050.800 by \$15,564.31.

WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts, 11/30/09

WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts, 12/31/09

Unemployment Ins. Reserve Transfer

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**Action Items**

Board Member ~~Luhmann~~ Lambert made a motion to approve items A-E as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To approve the 2010-2011 district calendar.
- b. To approve a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Nature's Classroom in Silver Bay, NY, May 24-28, 2010.
- c. To approve a field trip for the Walter B. Howard Elementary Drama Club to New York City to see a play entitled Mary Poppins, on June 23, 2010.
- d. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education student:  

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- e. To approve a proposed creative writing course for grades 9-12 for the 2010-2011.

District Calendar

Field Trips

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Creative Writing Course

**Personnel**

**Action Items**

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-C as a block. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appointment the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.

Coach	Sport	Stipend (per contract)
Christopher Whipple	Track and Field	\$2250
Fred Ruhe	Girls Varsity Softball	\$2250

Christopher Whipple, Track & Field Coach

Fred Ruhe, Girls Varsity Softball Coach

- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitute(s) for the 2009-2010 school year.

Teacher	Rate (per day)
Stephanie Walker	\$90.00 (certified)
Lauren Tinger	\$80.00 (uncertified)

Stephanie Walker, Substitute Teacher

Lauren Tinger, Substitute Teacher

- c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to approve Sarah Peck, from the College of St. Rose, to be a student teacher in the first grade at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School.

Sarah Peck, Student Teacher

**Board Open Discussion**

Board Member Bingham asked when there will be an insurance audit. Board Member Sowalski made the suggestion that the generator should be run periodically during the winter.

Board Open Discussion

**Public Comment**

None.

Public Comment

**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 8:28 p.m.

Executive Session

Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**Clerk Pro-Tem**

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**Adjournment**

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Board Member Sowalski left at 8:59.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

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**Clerk Pro-Tem**

**Adjournment**