



Monday, June 8, 2026

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education –
WBH Library 7:00pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch	<u> P </u>
Bill Buckenroth	<u> P </u>
Racheal Chubb	<u> P </u>
John Kalisz	<u> P </u>
Rob Long	<u> P </u>
Alex Polacinski	<u> P </u>
Sharon Powers	<u> P </u>

Also in attendance:

Chris Harper	<u> P </u>
Matt Klafehn	<u> P </u>
Josh Noble	<u> P </u>
Corey Brown	<u> A </u>

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. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A. Presentation of the 2026-27 Proposed Budget

Members of the public, including Hillary Watts, Nicole Ramundo and Michelle Corsey conversed with the board regarding the budget.

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to close the hearing. Board member Long seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to close the public budget hearing

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student representative update on field day, school wrapping up, field trip to 6 flags, track and field state qualifiers, pep rally. Student representative Lance Shroeder was thanked for his service as student board member, and for bringing the water issue to the school's administrators.

B. WBH update- Josh Noble updated the board on thanking Eileen Evans and Kathleen Bove for their years of service and being great assets, outdoor classroom, purchasing of new science curriculum.

C. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn wished Lance Shroeder best of luck at Siena next year, thanked Kristin Carson for years of service, drama club presentation, spring concert & art show, field trips, regents and graduation

D. Athletic update-None

E. Superintendent update- water update, PILOT program, read statement regarding the budget being about the kids.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 4A-B. Board member Long seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the May 6, 2026 Board of Education meeting minutes

B. Motion to approve the May 21st Board of Education meeting minutes

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Ramundo read a statement in regards to the budget. Hillary Watts read a letter.

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Review of Policy 8410 (no action)

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

B. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements

C. Motion to approve WASAREN bylaws

D. Motion to authorize Superintendent Harper to enter into an agreement with Hancock Public

E. Motion to approve Policy 8413

7. FINANCIAL

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 7A-D. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve budget transfers

B. Motion to approve the April 2026 Treasurer's Report

C. Motion to approve the April 2026 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report

D. Motion to approve a bond resolution

8. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 8A-H. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following summer program teachers and substitutes effective July 6- August 13, 2026 with two preparation days at a rate of \$30 per hour.

Melissa Stevens Rachel Broderick	Teacher
Kadie Ertel Bridget Rank Kelli Heslin Chelsea Mastin Deb Gallucci Michelle Bruns	Substitutes

- B. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Carolann Strickling as Business Manager and Treasurer, effective June 11, 2026.
- C. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Siani Amidon, as CSE Chairperson/School Psychologist, with a salary of \$110,000 effective September 1, 2026.
- D. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Thomas Supeau, as a substitute TA/Teacher effective May 21, 2026 at a rate of \$110 per day.
- E. Motion to accept a resignation from Stefanie Driscoll (new hire, not yet started).
- F. Motion to accept a resignation from Laura Jubie effective July 4, 2026.
- G. To accept a resignation from Lauren McEvilly effective June 30, 2026.
- H. Motion to approve a MOA with the CSEA

9. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting July 8, 2026.

Board Vice President Kalisz wanted to clean up some misunderstandings regarding statements made at a previous meeting that were misconstrued by a local paper. Misinformation is rampant.

10. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:23pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations and the employment history of a particular employee and negotiations. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Malloy

Kelly Malloy, District Clerk