



Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Public Forum and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education –
JSHS Library 6:30pm

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __P__
Racheal Chubb __P__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __P__
Alex Polacinski __P__
Sharon Powers __P__

Also in attendance:

Chris Harper __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Josh Noble __A__
Danielle Brewster __P__
Corey Brown __A__

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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. Student representative update- water taste updated requested, distracted driving presentation, spring sports started, travel club fundraisers, all county.
- B. WBH update- Absent- notes mentioned professional development and state assessments.
- C. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn praised new art teacher Carly Lynch and her hard work, field trips, name the snowplow, art month submissions.
- D. Athletic update- Absent
- E. Business Office update- Danielle Brewster presented on the accountability report
- F. Superintendent update- Chris Harper spoke regarding SpEd director/staff, new counselor, interviews and electric buses.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Motion to approve the February 11, 2026 Board of Education meeting minutes

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. Review of Policy 4327 (First read, no action)

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 5B. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

B. Motion to approve cse/cpse recommendations of programs and placements

6. FINANCIAL

A. 2025-26 Third Budget Presentation

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

B. Motion to approve the Notice of Hearing and Elections

C. Motion to amend a rate for Audrey Nerney, substitute bus driver to \$29.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2026.

D. Motion to enter into an agreement with DCMO BOCES as per attached:

E. Motion to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report

7. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 7A-F. Board member Chubb seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained

A. Motion to appoint substitutes for the 2025-26 school year:

Benjamin Krupa	Substitute Laborer	\$16.59 per hour
Dyllon Jumper	Substitute Laborer	\$16.59 per hour
Sal Roblez, Jr.	Substitute Laborer	\$16.59 per hour

B. Motion to accept a resignation

To accept a resignation from Kathleen Bove for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2026.

C. Motion to accept a resignation from Eileen Evans for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2026.

D. Motion to accept a resignation from Jonathan Cole, effective February 20, 2026.

E. Motion to accept a resignation from Dallas Carr, effective May 9, 2026.

Executive File Attachments

F. Motion to appoint community education staff

Kassidy Ward, Swim Assistant, \$15.50/hour

Jamison Ward, Swim Assistant, \$15.50/hour

Addison Christiansen, Swim Instructor, \$25/hour

Daisy Gail, Swim Instructor, \$25/hour

8. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Need for a Budget Workshop on April 1, 2026? Yes.

B. Next Regular Board of Education Meeting April 21, 2026- Tuesday, Q3 Vote.

9. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:43pm for the purpose of discussing legal matters and the employment history of a particular employee and legal matters. 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 8:30 pm. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk