



Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
7:00pm in the WBH Library

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert __P__
Mike Bienes, Jr. __A__
Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __P__
Raymona Griffin __P__
Sharon Putnam __P__
Richard Sime __P__ 7:05pm

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Andrew Kourt __P__
Josh Noble __P__
Kevin Fottrell __P__

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Student Representative update-Winter Exley was absent.

B. WBH update- Andrew Kourt presented on attendance, use of data, school dance, PTA president, spring breakfast and Easter egg hunt, drama club performance, conference day and teacher readers.

C. JSHS update- Josh Noble presented on transitional programs, 6th grade visits, NHS ceremony, CASDA conference, state testing and travel club.

D. Athletics update- Josh Noble presented on spring sports/mergers and transportation and Berlin fields next year.

E. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update- Kevin Fottrell presented on diversifying revenue, bus driver training and district credit card.

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Athletic Roster Projections- Josh Noble presented.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 5B-G. Board member Griffin seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained (Buckenroth)

B. Motion to approve a merger for sports teams

To approve a merger for boys modified, junior varsity and varsity soccer starting the 2019-20 school year.

C. Motion to approve the 2019-20 district calendar and Board of Education meeting dates

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

To approve cse/cpse recommendations of program and placement for the attached special education students

E. Motion to approve a club

To approve an Archery Club for the 2018-19 school year and Lenny Brown as adviser, no stipend (first year).

F. Motion to approve the WBH Drama Club field trip

To approve the WBH Drama Club field trip on June 12, 2019 to see King Kong with the following chaperones: Becky Griffith, Hillary Watts, Claire Budzinski, Kim Miller and Courtney Powell (others as per attached).

G. Motion to approve the 2019 senior class trip

To approve the senior class trip from June 7-9, 2019, the attached itinerary and chaperones Britt Buckenroth, Megan Darcy and Aaron Kanofsky.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve item 5A. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the February 13, 2019 Board of Education meeting minutes

To approve the February 13, 2019 Board of Education meeting minutes.

6. FINANCIAL

A. Business office operations- Information on accounting services presented by Kevin Fottrell.

B. 2019-20 Budget Discussion-Third presentation of 2019-20 proposed budget.

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 6C-E. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the Notice of Hearing and Elections

To approve the Notice of Hearing and Elections.

D. Motion to approve the January 2019 Treasurer's Report
To approve the January 2019 Treasurer's Report.

E. Motion to approve the January 2019 Extra-Curricular Report
To approve the January 2019 Extra-Curricular Report.

7. PERSONNEL

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to approve items 7A-E. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to increase a Special Education position
To increase a Special Education teacher from a .6 to a 1.0, effective September 1, 2019.

B. Motion to appoint a Special Education teacher
To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Courtney Wheat as a full time Special Education teacher (previously .6) effective September 1, 2019- September 1, 2023. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on the employee receiving APPR ratings of H or E in 3 of 4 preceding years (and no I rating in final year) (8 NYCRR § 30-1.3[d]).

C. Motion to appoint an ELA teacher
To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Amanda (Karaszkiwicz) Starks to the 7-12 ELA tenure area (probationary), Step 5, with a salary of \$50,500 per year, effective March 29, 2019 through March 29, 2022. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on the employee receiving APPR ratings of H or E in 3 of 4 preceding years (and no I rating in final year) (8 NYCRR § 30-1.3[d]).

D. Motion to appoint a substitute
To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitute:

Megan Gallup	substitute teacher	\$85/day
	substitute teaching assistant	\$13/hour
	substitute cook-server/cashier	\$12.07/hour

E. Motion to abolish positions
To abolish two Teacher Aide positions at Walter B. Howard effective June 30, 2019 (per students IEP).

8. POLICY

Board member Putnam made the motion to approve item 8A. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve policies (second reading)

To approve the attached policies:

NYSSBA policies 8130 9120.1 7365 6741 5020.3 2150.pdf (691 KB)
8414.5 update.pdf (433 KB) Policy 6800 to update.pdf (87 KB)

9. SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent update- Superintendent Whitcomb provided information on administrative training, 3-8 testing video, enrollment projections and substantial equivalency review of private schools in the district.

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

Board member Sime requested a sign in sheet for public comment.

A. Next Board of Education Meeting April 10, 2019

B. Special Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2019 7:30 am- Questar III budget vote.

C. Dennis Burek petition-Board member Griffin discussed how a vote would affect her as a veteran. Board President Lambert stated it's a bad precedent to poll for popularity on a specific issue. The board decided to come up with a statement of support for veterans.

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:45pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board member Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk