



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
March 16, 2011

The regular meeting was held at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

Public Comment

None.

Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments

Superintendent McGraw recognized Bus Driver, Bob Koepp and Dispatcher, Patty Gallup on their handling of an emergency situation. Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, has been named Principal of the Year by CASDA. The award ceremony is on April 13, 2011. The Board agreed to change the Board of Education meeting date from April 13, 2001 to April 12, 2011. A Superintendent’s Conference day was scheduled on March 25, 2011. It has now been changed to a student attendance day with agreement from the NLTA union.

Minutes

Action Item

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Review and approval of the February 23, 2011 minutes.
- b. Review and approval of the March 2, 2011 minutes.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

Josey Bartholomew, Dallas Carr, Nicholas Cooper, Seth Miller, and Mackenzie Stone, students attending Tech Valley High, gave a presentation to the Board.

Action Items

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve items A-D as a block. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To accept the following programs to be presented to New Lebanon Central School students funded through the New Lebanon Foundation:

African American Cultural Enrichment Programs (two) valued at approximately \$1850.00
Daniel J. Mahoney, Author & Illustrator valued at approximately \$500.00
Aftershock vocal band performance valued at approximately \$2340.00

Public Comment

**Acknowledgments/
Administrative
Comments**

Minutes

**Tech Valley Student
Presentation**

Accepted Programs

- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to purchase the following textbooks to support the Social Studies program for grades 7-8 and 11:

Prentice Hall: <u>America: History of Our Nation</u> : Survey Edition© 2011 by James Wes Davidson and Michael B. Stoff with Understanding by Design Consultant Grant Wiggins \$80.87 per text book

Prentice Hall: <u>America: History of Our Nation</u> : Survey Edition© 2011 by Emma J. Lapsansky-Werner, Peter B. Levy, Randy Roberts, and Alan Taylor with Understanding by Design Consultant Grant Wiggins \$85.45 per text book

- c. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: (information mailed with agenda)

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- d. To approve the addition of the following high school courses starting with the 2011-2012 school year:

University English 12
University Basic Drawing
Research, Reading & Writing in Science

Financial

Non-Action Items

Superintendent McGraw and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier reviewed the 2011-2012 budget including capital projects.

Action Items

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To adopt the Notice of Hearing and Elections.
- b. To approve the sale or disposal of the following surplus and obsolete items to the highest bidder and to give the District Clerk authority to advertise the sale of said items and if unable to find a buyer, to authorize Superintendent McGraw to dispose of the items:

Quantity	Vehicle or Item
1	1999 International 65 Passenger School Bus, 466DTE Diesel, Allison 545 Transmission, air brakes, air ride suspension, VIN#1HVBBAANNXXH227737 Mileage: 103,998
1	Link 12" monitor, model #MC5ALS
1	Link keyboard
1	Okidata Microline pin printer

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-C as a block. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Carey Foley to the Elementary tenure area (permanent substitute) from March 3, 2011 through June 24, 2011 at a per diem rate of \$205.00 (without benefits). Ms. Foley has a MS and has an Initial certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and an Initial certificate in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6). (previously appointed as a substitute)
- b. To approve an arrangement with CSEA to permit donation of sick leave days, not to exceed 10 days to a CSEA member. This arrangement shall not serve as precedent setting to any future requests.

Social Studies Textbooks

CSE/CPSE Programs & Placements

Additional High School Courses

2011-2012 Budget Review

Notice of Hearing & Elections

Surplus Items

Carey Foley, Permanent Substitute

Sick Leave Days Donation

c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following for the 2010-2011 school year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Matthew Klafehn	Chief Information Officer	\$5000 (prorated)

Superintendent

Non-Action Items

Superintendent McGraw and the Board discussed the Town of New Lebanon’s interest in leasing space at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School. The Board is not interested in leasing space to the Town at this time.

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Gavrity spoke about the need to post committee meetings. All committee meetings will on future Board of Education agenda’s.

Board Member Smith asked if any petitions for open board seats had been given out.

Board Member Bingham asked about the NERIC Connect progress.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Brutsch reminded the Board about the Union Free School building. A decision has to be made and that money remains in the budget for it. He recommends going with a capital reserve. He also expressed that he does not like stipends.

Mr. Paul Miller thanked the Board for their support for Tech Valley. He likes that the Board has adopted distance learning.

Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 9:13 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Superintendent McGraw left executive session at 10:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 10:28 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
 Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Matthew Klafehn, CIO

Board Open Discussion

Public Comment

Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment