



Wednesday, May 3, 2023

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

**Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)**

Mike Brutsch            \_\_P\_\_  
Bill Buckenroth        \_\_P\_\_  
John Kalisz             \_\_A\_\_  
Rob Long                \_\_P\_\_  
Sharon Putnam         \_\_P\_\_  
Richard Sime            \_\_A\_\_

**Also in attendance:**

Andrew Kourt            \_\_P\_\_  
Matt Klafehn            \_\_P\_\_  
Josh Noble               \_\_P\_\_  
Danielle Brewster      \_\_P\_\_  
Corey Brown             \_\_P\_\_

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**2. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

A. Presentation of the 2023-24 Proposed Budget by Superintendent Kourt.

Board President Putnam made the motion to approve item 2B. Board member Long seconded.  
4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to close the public budget hearing  
To close the public budget hearing.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. Travel Club update- None

B. Student representative update- None

C. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on: teacher appreciation, Berkshire Theater Group performance, book fair, state testing, nature's classroom, John Farrell visit and thanked Kellie Daino and David Hawkins for their grant work.

D. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on honor rolls, 2 Year Delay performances, prom, 7/8 dance, math tests, spirit week/pep rally, concert, career jam, Memorial Day assembly and Veteran's luncheon, library week, congratulations to Britt Buckenroth and teacher appreciation week.

E. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on spring weather, cancelations/postponements, signing day, community ed. and season trainings.

F. Business Office update- Danielle Brewster presented on the yearly audit, accounting 3 training, REAP grant and RTI.

G. Superintendent update- Superintendent Kourt congratulated tenure recipients, phase 3 of the capital project, water testing and staffing.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 5A-B (with the correction of marking Board President Putnam as present for the April meetings). Board President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the April 17, 2023 Board of Education meeting minutes

B. Motion to approve the April 25, 2023 Board of Education meeting minutes

#### **6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 6A. Board President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

#### **7. FINANCIAL**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-C. Board President Putnam seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to authorize the agreement between the District and NLTA for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2027

B. Motion to accept a donation as per attached:

C. Motion to approve budget transfers as per attached:

#### **8. PERSONNEL**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve item 8A-W. Board member Long seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. To reappoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Jennifer Blodget to the position of .4 K-6 Art Teacher effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

B. To reappoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Donna Covert to a .8 7-12 Art Teacher position effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

C. Motion to appoint a building substitute

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Ashley DeKraai as a permanent, per diem substitute at WBH at a rate of \$95 per day.

D. Motion to appoint summer transportation staff

To appoint summer transportation staff as per attached:  
and Audrey Nerney as a sub only.

E. Motion to appoint summer kitchen staff

Candy McCarty

Substitutes: Shannon Adams, Heather Darcy and Jannelle Johnson.

F. Motion to accept a resignation

To accept a resignation from Darleen Miller for the purposes of retirement effective July 1, 2023.

G. Motion to appoint a bus driver

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Kimberly Burns as a bus driver, step 16, at a rate of \$26.79 per hour, effective April 28, 2023.

H. Motion to approve chaperones for Nature's Classroom

To approve the following chaperones for Nature's Classroom:

- Alex Chandler - Bridget Rank - Jessica York - Robert Long

I. Motion to grant tenure

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, to Joshua Noble to the principal tenure area effective September 1, 2023.

J. Motion to grant tenure

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, to Andrew Starks to the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2023.

K. Motion to grant tenure

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, to Courtney Wheat to the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2023.

L. Motion to grant tenure

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, to Molly Schroeder to the ELA tenure area effective September 1, 2023.

M. Motion to grant tenure

To grant tenure, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, to Thomas Laier to the Teaching Assistant certification, effective September 16, 2023.

N. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Danielle Brewster

O. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Corey Brown

P. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Dallas Carr

Q. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Matthew Klafehn

R. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Kelly McGivern

S. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Pat Metzler

T. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Joshua Noble

U. Motion to update Terms and Conditions for Ethan Race

V. Motion to appoint summer school teachers

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, the following summer program teachers and substitutes effective July 5- August 15, 2023 with two preparation days at a rate of \$30 per hour.

Melissa Stevens Chris Bonacquisti	Teacher
Bridget Rank, Alex Chandler, Kelli Heslin, and Rachel Fisher, Kathleen Bove, Vicki Ouimet	Substitutes

W. Motion to accept a resignation

To accept a resignation from Kyle Greenway effective May 24, 2023.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT**

A. May 16th Budget vote reminder  
12-9pm at WBH

**10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

A. Next Board of Education Meeting June 7, 2023  
Also discussed: RFP for after-school

**11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board President Putnam made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular employees. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**B. Motion to appoint a Clerk Pro-Tem**

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Kourt as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Putnam seconded. 4 aye, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk