



Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education Regular meeting 7:00pm –Virtual

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert __A__
Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __A__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __P__
Sharon Putnam __P__
Richard Sime __P__

Also in attendance:

Andrew Kourt __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Josh Noble __P__
Danielle Brewster __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 2022-23 Proposed Budget- Presented by Superintendent Kourt and Danielle Brewster.

Board President Putnam made the motion to close the public budget hearing. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. Travel Club update- Information provided by Michelle Bienes and students Liam Buckenroth and Ben Chaput.

B. Mental Health update series 2/3- <https://youtu.be/6l2SBZ5hcUk>

C. Student representative update- None

D. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on teacher appreciation week, kindergarten screening, math assessments, science testing for fourth grade and field trips.

E. JSHS/Athletic update- Matt Klafehn presented on appreciation week, math testing, field trips, senior citizen luncheon, prom, concerts, college caravan, academic awards, Memorial Day assembly, senior field trip, field day, dance and graduation.

F. Business Office update- Danielle Brewster presented on the preliminary audit and year end cleanup.

G. Superintendent update- Presented by Superintendent Kourt- Thanked staff, they're gifted, athletic group meeting with Berlin, phase three of project, maintenance procedures, water testing, COVID and roofing people not showing up yet.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Young, Traffic Safety Representative from the town spoke on safety programs.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 5A-B. Board member Kalisz seconded.

A. To approve the April 13, 2022 Board of Education meeting minutes. Board member Kalisz seconded.

B. To approve the April 26, 2022 Board of Education meeting minutes.

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 6A-B. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

B. Motion to approve the senior class trip and chaperones- To approve the senior class trip for June 10, 2022 to Six Flags New England with the following chaperones: Michelle Bienes, Michelle Lagonia and Val Synakowski Leave School @ 8:00 AM- Return @ 8:00 PM

7. FINANCIAL

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-D. Board member Kalisz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to adopt the 2022-23 Budget

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the New Lebanon Central School District for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$12,924,465, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by law.

B. Motion to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's Report

C. Motion to approve the March 2022 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular Accounts report

D. Motion to approve budget transfers

8. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 8A-E. Board member Kalisz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve terms and conditions

[Danielle Brewster terms and conditions.pdf \(242 KB\)](#)

B. Motion to approve an addendum to Superintendent Kourt's contract

C. Motion to reappoint a .4 grade K-6 Art Teacher

To reappoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Jennifer Blodget to the position of .4 K-6 Art Teacher effective September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

D. Motion to reappoint a .8 grade 7-12 Art Teacher

To reappoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Donna Covert to a .8 7-12 Art Teacher position effective September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

E. Motion to appoint summer bus drivers and monitors

9. SUPERINTENDENT

A. May 17th Budget vote reminder 12-9pm at WBH

10. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting June 8, 2022

Board Vice President Brutsch asked for an update on student perspective on the War Crimes & Psychology class. Is a survey possible?

11. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Putnam made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person at 8:40pm. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Putnam made the motion to appoint Superintendent Kourt as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk