



Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education –  
JSHS Library 7:00pm

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

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

**Also in attendance:**

Chris Harper          P    
Matt Klafehn         P    
Josh Noble            P    
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. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

A. Presentation of the 2026-27 Proposed Budget

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to close the public budget hearing. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstaine.

B. Motion to close the public budget hearing

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amanda Huntington read a letter to the board regarding class consolidation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve item 4A. Board member Polacinski seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the April 21, 2026 Board of Education meeting minutes

**5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

A. Review of Policy 8413 (first read, no action)

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 5B-C. Board member Long seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

C. Motion to approve the 2026-27 district calendar and Board of Education meeting dates

## **6. FINANCIAL**

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 6A-C. Board member Long seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

- A. Motion to approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report
- B. Motion to approve the March 2026 grades 6-12 Extra-Curricular report
- C. Motion to enter into an agreement with MAG

## **7. PERSONNEL**

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to approve items 7A-K. Board member Powers seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

- A. Motion to reappoint Jennifer Touchstone to the position of .4 K-6 Art Teacher effective September 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- B. Motion to grant tenure to Corey Brown to the Assistant Principal tenure area effective September 1, 2026.
- C. Motion to grant tenure to Jared DeLuca to the Social Studies tenure area effective September 1, 2026.
- D. Motion to grant tenure To Nick VanVorst to the Physical Education tenure area effective September 1, 2026.
- E. Motion to grant tenure to Rachel Broderick to the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2026.
- F. Motion to appoint summer transportation employees
- G. Motion to appoint a long-term substitute Angelina Zeolla as a long term substitute (for Danielle French) effective May 1, 2026 at a rate of \$274.73 per day.
- H. Motion to appoint a chaperone- Racheal Chubb as a chaperone for Outdoor Classroom.
- I. Motion to amend a resignation- To amend Danielle Brewster's resignation date from May 12, 2026 to May 19, 2026, and hourly after that as needed at a rate of \$53.81.
- J. Motion to accept a resignation from Christine Neumann effective August 31, 2026
- K. Motion to appoint a Math Teacher- Stefanie Driscoll to the 7-12 Math tenure area (probationary), Step 16, with a salary of \$76,197 per year, effective September 1, 2026 through September 1, 2030. 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]).

## **8. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

- A. May 19th Budget vote reminder 12-8pm
- B. Next Board of Education Meeting June 10, 2026

Board member Long invited everyone to the drama club play “Wonka” on June 5 and June 6. The board also addressed concerns regarding class sizes, stating creating a new classroom teacher is a 1% budget increase. Benefits are expensive, reserves becoming depleted, state mandates for what they are able to cut, 4% tax levy not sustainable.

## **9. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Vice President Kalisz made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:31pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations and the employment history of a particular employee and negotiations. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Polacinski seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm. Board Vice President Kalisz seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk