



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
November 17, 2010

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Board Member Lambert

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>Public Comment None.</p> <p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments None.</p> <p>Minutes <u>Action Item</u> Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the November 3, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.</p> <p>Curriculum and Instruction <u>Non-Action Items</u> Becky Marzeski, WBH Principal, updated the Board on the extra curricular activities being offered within the program.</p> <p>Michael Gleason, Network Systems Engineer, spoke to the Board about his responsibilities and the projects completed to date.</p> <p><u>Action Items</u> Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve items A-B as a block. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 6 ayes, 0 nays.</p> <p>a. To review and approve the following revised policies (second reading):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="167 1698 1232 1860"> <tr> <td>3281</td> <td>Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5322</td> <td>Cell Phone Policy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5410</td> <td>Purchasing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7243</td> <td>Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7511</td> <td>Immunization of Students</td> </tr> </table> <p>b. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education student: 000002267</p>	3281	Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment	5322	Cell Phone Policy	5410	Purchasing	7243	Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students	7511	Immunization of Students	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p> <p>Minutes</p> <p>WBH Extra Curricular Activities</p> <p>Network Systems Report</p> <p>Approved Policies</p> <p>CSE/CPSE Programs and Placements</p>
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Financial**Non-Action Items**

Superintendent McGraw and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, reviewed the structures of school finance: program initiatives and district goals with sub categories of SED requirements, student/teacher ratios and programs.

The 2011-2012 budget calendar was reviewed with the Board.

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-J as a block. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To accept the Tax Collector's Report which indicates that \$7,232,234.09 in school taxes has been collected as of November 4, 2010, which represents 90.69% of the total tax warrant for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - b. To authorize payment to Rosch Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$9,381.25 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (walls).
 - c. To accept a donation of a cherry tree, fertilizer, mulch, wrap and labor from Zema's Nursery valued at \$183.00.
 - d. To accept a donation of 120 books from the Walter B. Howard PTA with a value of \$1080.
 - e. To approve the August, 2010 Treasurer's report.
 - f. To authorize Superintendent McGraw to enter into an agreement with Integrys Energy Services of New York, Inc. for the purpose of joining an electricity co-op and to authorize Superintendent McGraw to sign the agreement.
 - g. The Board of Education declares the replacement of a hot water tank at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School as an unforeseen emergency necessary for the health and safety of the students and staff and considers it an ordinary contingent expense.
 - h. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District ("Board") has proposed to undertake a project consisting of replacing a hot water tank at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School ("the Project"); and
WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations there under with respect to the proposed action; and
WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and
WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:
 1. The proposed action involves replacing a hot water tank at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School ("The Project");
 2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8).
 3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR. § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
 4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations there under.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that

Structures of School Finance

2011-2012 Budget Calendar

Tax Collectors Report

Rosch Payment, \$9381.25

Zema's Donation

WBH PTA Donation

August, 2010 Treasurer's Report

Integrys Energy Services Agreement

Hot Water Tank Replacement at WBH

SEQRA

the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations there under.

- i. To authorize a transfer of \$40,000 from A2110120 to A9950900 for the purpose of the hot water tank replacement project at Walter B. Howard Elementary School.
- j. To approve use of the Walter B. Howard building for a PTA Craft Fair on Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. which includes janitorial and kitchen services with a donation from the PTA to offset costs associated with the event.

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve items A-G as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To accept the resignation of Sara Weeks, Drama Club Advisor, effective November 4, 2010.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following advisor for the 2010-2011 school year:

Advisor	Club	Stipend
Carrie Bond	Drama Club Advisor	\$400.00 (prorated)

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

Coach	Sport	Stipend
Craig Trombley (Assistant Coach)	Boys Varsity Basketball	No stipend

- d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following volunteers for enrichment activities at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School:

Volunteer	Activity	Stipend
Gail Foster	African Dance	No stipend
Peter McKenna	Model Airplanes	No stipend

- e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to extend the appointment of Catherine Decker to the Elementary tenure area (permanent substitute) through January 5, 2011 at a per diem rate of \$205.00 (without benefits). Ms. Decker 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 at the 10/20/10 meeting with an end date of November 30, 2010)
- f. To accept the resignation of Paul Kisseloff, Boys Modified Basketball Coach, effective November 12, 2010.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following coach for the 2010-2011 school year:

Coach	Sport	Stipend
Justin Cassavaugh	Boys Modified Basketball Coach	\$2275

Superintendent

Non-Action Item

Superintendent McGraw spoke to the Board about a Transportation Pilot Grant.

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Wood reminded everyone that there is a joint Questar III meeting with Superintendent's and Board Members on Saturday, November 20, 2010. She also let Board Members know that they need to complete their individual evaluation of the Superintendent by next meeting so that it can be compiled, discussed, and completed by January. Board Member Smith requested an update at a future meeting on the status of the Union Free School. Board Member Sowalski asked about the status of the RUS Grant. He also asked

Budget Transfer

**WBH PTA Craft Fair
12/4/10**

**Sara Weeks,
Resignation**

**Carrie Bond, Drama
Club Advisor**

**Craig Trombley, Boys
Varsity Basketball
Assistant Coach**

Gail Foster, Volunteer

**Peter McKenna,
Volunteer**

**Catherine Decker,
Permanent Substitute
Extension**

**Paul Kisseloff,
Resignation**

**Justin Cassavaugh, Boys
Modified Basketball
Coach**

**Transportation Pilot
Grant**

Board Open Discussion

for a review of the required network team service that may be purchased through Questar. The Board Members would like to be notified of the cost of a school bus camera system at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Brustch asked how much time teachers are doing staff development and are they out of classrooms. He suggested that it would be good to maximize teacher time in the classroom.

Mrs. Dawn Brutsch asked that copies of the draft budget be available to the public during budget discussions.

Board Member Gavrity stated that she is impressed with the new guidance counselor.

Executive Session

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation and collective bargaining at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Pro-Tem

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Adjournment

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Public Comment

Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

Adjournment