



14665 State Route 22  
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting  
November 3, 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, Lambert, Gavriety, Kroboth, Bingham, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, and Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor.

**ABSENT:** Board Member Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Elizabeth Brustch suggested to the Board that the district poll graduates to find out how successful they are and how New Lebanon Central School prepared them.

**Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments**

Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor notified the Board that during Transportation Appreciation Week, she and Patty Gallup, Dispatcher, cooked breakfast for the department. A video camera was put in a bus last week. A WBH assembly will be held on Monday to review bus rules. A behavioral award will be in May.

Superintendent McGraw updated the Board on the Race to the Top scope of work. The target areas are 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, Math and Special Education as a sub group. Another requirement is a network team. The District will purchase this service through BOCES. She reminded the Board that there is a joint meeting with Board Members and Superintendents at Questar on November 20, 2010.

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, updated the Board on the hot water tank at WBH. She noted that the District is looking to join an energy consortium. She recently attended a wellness meeting along with Union Leadership, and Superintendent McGraw given by the District's health insurance carrier. She asked the Board if they are interested in exploring a disability tax exemption. The Board indicated they were.

Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, notified the Board that there will be a Parent Expo on November 4 & 5. She and teachers have attended conferences at Questar on the new core standards. Bill Halterman from Questar is meeting with teachers to discuss ELA and Math results. A new assessment team for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade has started.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, notified the Board that the athletics awards dinner is scheduled for November 4, 2010. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 5. Financial Aid night for seniors is on November 16. Teachers have been attending conferences to keep them informed of the new standards. At a recent faculty meeting, teachers Kara Siciliano and Bridget LeBarron taught a instructional technique to

**Public Comment**

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Administrative  
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the staff that they had recently learned at a conference. Kate Berens, Library Media Specialist and Carolyn Strauch, Embedded Staff Developer offered a mini lesson in a web 2.0 application on Google tools. Homecoming was successful. Students from WBH participated in laser tag along with Jr./Sr. High School students and their parents. Red Ribbon week was held recently. Thanks to Deputies Todd Hyson and Heath Benansky for their participation in the event. Val Synakowski, music teacher, announced at the faculty meeting that April 9 will be New Lebanon Day at the Times Union Center. The WBH and Jr./Sr. High choirs will be center ice to sing the National Anthem.

Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director notified the Board that the boys varsity soccer team will play Fort Ann in NYS Section 2, Class D finals on Saturday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. at South Colonie High School. Michael Gavrity was named WNYT/Dunkin Donuts Athlete of the Week on October 26. The New Lebanon Tournament was successful. The boys won the championship. The girls championship game was cancelled due to the weather. The fall sports banquet is on November 4 at 6:00 p.m. It will be hosted by 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes with the meal provided by Zuchinni's. The winter sports season starts on November 8. Coaches have been hired to fill vacancies and practice times and season schedules have been posted on Mr. Klafehn's e-board.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, notified the Board that her department has been continuing to work on on-going professional development as they continue to work on fostering academic success and student independence. All instructional staff have been trained to implement the new model IEP. All eligible Medicaid providers have completed mandated training and the transportation department will be trained in the near future. She continues to collaborate with general education teachers and personnel with consistency of lesson plans and program implementation. Re-evaluations are being completed by the school psychologist, Tylea Gebbie. Mrs. Thorpe-Odom is working with Mrs. Gebbie and the Transportation Department to assist with strategies and training for dealing with students on the bus.

## **Minutes**

### **Action Item**

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve the October 20, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

## **Curriculum and Instruction**

### **Non-Action Items**

Presentations were given by teachers and School Psychologist, Christina Yager, Bill Johnson, Felicity Cashman, Bonnie Maksymik and Tylea Gebbie on their use of e-boards

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Becky Marzeski, WBH Principal, shared anti-bullying initiatives and distributed progress reports to Board Members.

The Board reviewed the following revised policies (first reading). There was a typo on policy number 7243 which will be corrected for the next meeting.

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

## **Minutes**

## **E-Board Presentation**

## **Anti-Bullying Update**

## **Draft Policies Reviewed**

**Action Items**

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve items A-C. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to establish a sports club for students in grades 3–6.
- Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to approve an overnight trip to Glens Falls for a Coaches vs. Cancer Holiday Tournament December 3-4, 2010 for the Boys Varsity Basketball team and to approve Joe Diccio and Karl Erickson as chaperones. Accommodations to be paid for by the New Lebanon Booster Club.
- To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100118

**Audit Committee Business****Action Item**

Scott Preusser, External Auditor reviewed the 2009-2010 external audit report. He commended the district for making good financial decisions for establishing reserves.

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 external audit report. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**Financial****Action Items**

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

- To award surplus items bids to the highest bidder(s), as per chart below as a result of a bid opening on October 22, 2010 .

Bidder Name	Surplus Item	Total Bid Submitted
Bill Elliot	Craftsman Arc welder 2 Bose speakers Cerwin Vega speaker	\$37.55 \$5.00 \$5.00
Barbara Ames	Book case	\$5.00
Robert Baldwin	Wood desk	\$10.00
Calvetta Auto Sales	1998 GMC Suburban ¾ ton 4WD 6.5L diesel	\$268.00

- WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for one (1) 2010 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD, 4 door, 1500 Commercial Vehicle (color: Wheatland Yellow) on October 25, 2010 and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Sun Chevrolet with a bid in the amount of \$35,648.00. THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bid is awarded to Sun Chevrolet.
- To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary Extra-Curricular Accounts dated August 31, 2010 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary Extra-Curricular Accounts dated September 30, 2010 as submitted by Courtney McDonald, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- To approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated September 1-30, 2010 as submitted by Eileen Winslow, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.

**Personnel****Action Items**

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

**Sports Club for Grades 3-6**

**Sports Trip**

**Joe Diccio & Karl Erickson, Chaperones**

**CSE/CPSE Programs & Placements Approved**

**2009-2010 External Audit Report**

**Surplus Bid Awards**

**Sun Chevrolet, Suburban Bid**

**WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts 8/31/10**

**WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts 9/30/10**

**Jr./Sr. High School Accounts, 9/1-9/30/10**

- a. Upon recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Hillary Watts to tenure in the areas of education of children with handicapping conditions – general special education and remedial reading, effective December 9, 2010.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following coaches for the 2010-2011 school year.

Coach	Sport	Stipend
Paul Kisseloff	Boys Modified Basketball	\$2275
Karl Erickson (Assistant Coach)	Boys Varsity Basketball	No stipend
Lenny Brown	Boys Volleyball Coach	\$2300

- c. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following as advisors of the sports club for students in grades 3–6.

Advisor	Stipend
Joe Diccico	No stipend
Craig Trombley	No stipend
Karl Erickson	No stipend

- d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint, Josh Lueyt to the position of substitute cleaner at a rate of \$10.35 per hour, as per CSEA contract, effective November 4, 2010.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitute for the 2010-2011 school year: (previously appointed, November 4, 2009)

Name	Certified or Uncertified	Position	Rate
Kelsey Lyon	Uncertified	Teacher	\$80.00 per day

- f. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following mentor as per NLTA contract.

Mentor	Stipend	Mentee
Kristina Batcher	\$1100	Meghan Pepe

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

Club Advisor	Stipend
Mary Beth Liles	Cheerleading Advisor 50.00

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

Name	Certified or Uncertified	Position	Rate
Paul Kisseloff	Certified	Teacher	\$95.00 per day
James Hosley (currently part-time PE teacher at WBH)	Certified	Teacher	\$95.00 per day

- i. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitute bus monitors:

Name	Rate	Effective Date
Teri Durlack	\$11.25 per hour	10/22/10
Patty Metzler	\$11.25 per hour	11/1/10

**Hillary Watts, Tenure**

**Paul Kisseloff, Boys Modified Basketball Coach**

**Karl Erickson, Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach**

**Lenny Brown, Boys Volleyball Coach**

**Joe Diccico, Craig Trombley & Karl Erickson, Sports Club Advisors**

**Josh Lueyt, Substitute Cleaner**

**Kelsey Lyon, Substitute Teacher**

**Kristina Batcher, Mentor**

**Mary Beth Liles, Cheerleading Advisor**

**Paul Kisseloff & James Hosley Substitute Teachers**

**Terri Durlack & Patty Metzler, Substitute Bus Monitors**

**Superintendent  
Non-Action Items**

Superintendent McGraw reported on the progress that has been made on her goals.

The Board discussed the Questar survey regarding re-districting and feels that Option 1 is the best.

**Superintendent Goals**

**Questar Survey**

**Board Open Discussion**

Board Member Woods would like to have a policy for Board of Education members on professional development. It was discussed that the Policy Committee will look at sample policies.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Executive Session**

Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters related to a particular person or corporation at 8:35 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 Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

\_\_\_\_\_ Respectfully submitted,  
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

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**Board Open Discussion**

**Public Comment**

**Executive Session**

**Clerk Pro-Tem**

**Adjournment**