



Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
Regular meeting 7:00pm –JSHS Gymnasium

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

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

Also in attendance:

Andrew Kourt __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Josh Noble __P__
Francis Rielly __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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. School Board recognition week-October 18-October 21, 2021- On behalf of the New Lebanon Central School District community, Superintendent Kourt will express appreciation for the volunteer service performed by the Board of Education.

B. Special Education update-Jennifer Morris presented on initiatives, progress monitoring, co-teaching, co-planning and autism consultation.

C. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on PTA events & meetings, movie night, diagnostic testing, phonics and comprehension needs, Halloween and clubs.

D. JSHS/Athletic update-Introduction of student representatives Lora Aquario and Wyatt Powers (not present) by Matt Klafehn. Displayed art work, clubs, virtual open house, parent/teacher conferences and spirit week. Athletics- winter numbers, alumni soccer games, sport schedules and vaccinations.

E. Business Office, Facilities & Grounds and Transportation update- Francis Rielly presented on transportation, bus numbers and new laborer.

F. Superintendent update- Superintendent Kourt presenting on goals and covid testing.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board President Putnam made the motion to approve item 3A. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the September 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting minutes

4. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. WBH Math program update- Josh Noble, Alex Chandler and Vicki Ouimet presented on 2022-23 new elementary math curriculum and textbooks.

B. Inquiry based learning presentation- Andrew Kourt presented on inquiry based learning and innovation.

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 4C-F. Board President Putnam seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the Athletic Code of Conduct for the 2021-22 school year

D. Motion to approve an intermunicipal agreement-for sports with Berlin CSD as per attached:

E. Motion to approve the Travel Club's trip and chaperones per attached

F. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of program and placements for the following special education students

5. FINANCIAL

A. External Audit report- Scott Presser presented

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

B. Motion to approve the External Audit report

C. Motion to declare items excess- To approve the sale or disposal of the following surplus and obsolete items to the highest bidder and to give the District Clerk authority to advertise the sale of said items and if unable to find a buyer, to authorize Superintendent Kourt to dispose of the items as attached:

1- 3'x3' Stainless cashier's table with drawer and tray slide

Textbooks are obsolete

Geometry: Holt McDougal; 2012; ISBN: 978-0-547-64709-8

Number of Textbooks 45

Year bought 2013

Geometry Teacher Edition: Holt McDougal; 2012; ISBN: 978-0-547-64699-2

Number of Textbooks 1

Year bought 2013

Textbooks are obsolete

Math Prep For Compass Exam: REA; 2012; ISBN: 978-0-7386-1002-3

Number of Textbooks 20

Year bought 2013

College Algebra: Cengage Learning; 2011; ISBN: 978-1-4390-4861-0

Number of Textbooks 15

Year bought 2011

D. Motion to approve a resolution- RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW LEBANONCENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Lebanon Central School District of New York State (the "School District") desires to enter into a contract with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties ("Questar 111"), entitled the "Contract for Cooperative Educational Services", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A: WHEREAS, pursuant to the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services, Questar III will, on behalf of the School District, facilitate the provision of lease/purchase financing for the capital equipment described in Schedule A of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (the "Capital Equipment"); WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services will facilitate the provision of technology improvement under the model schools program; WHEREAS, the School District believes that the Cooperative Bidding Program provides a cost effective means of facilitating the Contract for Educational Services and that it is in the best interests of the School District to execute and deliver the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, or such other individuals as the Board of Education may appoint, be, and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such documents and papers in the name of the School District as he or she deems necessary, advisable or appropriate to carry into effect the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services.

E. Motion to approve budget transfers as per attached

F. Motion to approve the August 2021 Treasurer's report

G. Motion to approve a resolution to establish a repair reserve- Recommended Action
WHEREAS, New Lebanon Central School District (the "District") has a need to plan for the anticipated maintenance and repair of its facilities; and WHEREAS, the District has unappropriated funds available in its general fund sufficient to provide for such savings, and WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to create a repair reserve fund in accordance with section 6-d of the New York General Municipal Law; and WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6-d of the New York General Municipal Law, the Board of Education is authorized to establish a Repair Reserve Fund for repairs and capital improvements or equipment, the types of which are not recurring annually or at shorter intervals. NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-d, a reserve fund to be known as the Repair Reserve Fund, which shall be funded with appropriations from unallocated fund balance from the general fund in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, and it is

further RESOLVED, that a voter proposition to seek approval to place monies into the Repair Reserve Fund will be submitted to the voters of the District at a future or special district meeting, the date of which is to be determined, and it is further RESOLVED, that in accordance with General Municipal Law sections § 6-d(2) and (3), monies in the fund may be appropriated for repairs of District facilities and equipment which do not recur on an annual basis or at shorter intervals, and except in the case of emergency expenditures, that such expenditures shall be made by a vote of the Board of Education only after the publication of a notice and the holding of a public hearing in the manner required by Section 6-d, and it is further RESOLVED, that in accordance with General Municipal Law section 6-d(4), the monies held in the Repair Reserve Fund shall be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds, shall be held and secured in accordance with the District's policies, and all interest or income derived from the Fund shall accrue to and become part of such Fund. RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

H. Motion to accept a donation from Robert FitzGerald of an Oxford Double French Horn valued at \$500.

6. PERSONNEL

A. Motion to appoint a substitute upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt

Ashley Perreault	Substitute TA/Teacher	\$95 per day
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B. Motion to appoint a laborer- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Martin Bachner as a laborer, step 5, at a rate of \$16.64, effective October 27, 2021.

7. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION- A. Next Board Meeting Date November 10, 2021

8. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

9. 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. Board Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk