



Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education – JSBS Library 7pm

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

Mike Brutsch	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Bill Buckenroth	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
John Kalisz	<u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Kyle Kuffel	<u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Rob Long	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Sharon Powers	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Thom Rigg	<u>  </u> A <u>  </u>

**Also in attendance:**

Chris Harper	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Matt Klafehn	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Josh Noble	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Danielle Brewster	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>
Corey Brown	<u>  </u> P <u>  </u>

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Brutsch at 7:03pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. Questar III presentation- Dr. Gladys I. Cruz, District Superintendent, Mr. Harry Hadjioannou, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. James Niedermeier, Associate Superintendent, Mr. Dan Sherman, Strategic Communications Officer, Mr. Jeff Baker, and Chief Information Officer presented on the superintendent search process.

B. School Board recognition week-October 14-18, 2024-On behalf of the New Lebanon Central School District community, Superintendent Harper will express appreciation for the volunteer service performed by the Board of Education.

C. Technology Update- Ethan Race presented on chromebooks, ticket system.

D. Student Representative update- None

E. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on conference days, ELA committee, 6<sup>th</sup> grade mock election, fire prevention week, craft fair, Halloween parade and Veteran’s Day assembly.

F. JSBS update- Matt Klafehn presented on open house, evacuation drill, admissions, college/military fair, conferences and school safety.

G. Athletic update- Corey Brown presented on sports update, sectionals, winter needs, emergency safety plan and spectator issues.

H. Business Office update- Danielle Brewster presented on Lee Bordick filling in, POS system Titan, WBH mold claim and financial presentations.

I. Superintendent update- Superintendent Harper presented on the class of 1974 reunion and tour, open houses, welcome Lee Bordick, fire prevention, dance, spirit week, senior exit survey.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Board member Powers made the motion to approve item 4A. Board member Long seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the September 11, 2024 Board of Education Meeting minutes

### **5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

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

### **6. FINANCIAL**

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to approve item 6A-G. Board member Long seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the first quarter Internal Claims Audit report

B. Motion to accept donations

C. Motion to approve budget transfers

D. Motion to approve a contract

E. 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 Harper to dispose of the items as attached:

Craftsman 150 drill press, 22 blue ceramic chairs, 8 rolling computer chairs

F. Motion to approve the August 2024 Treasurer's report

G. Motion to approve the August 2024 extra-curricular report

### **7. PERSONNEL**

Board member Powers made the motion to approve item 7A-H. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint advisers- To appoint Rob Long and Molly Schroeder as Drama Club advisers, no stipend (first year).

B. Motion to appoint substitutes-To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Harper, the following substitute(s) effective October 10, 2024. Jay Freeman- substitute laborer \$16.11/hour

C. Motion to appoint student representatives Samantha Pierce and Eben Donahue as student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2024-25 school year.

D. Motion to appoint a Clerk/Typist-To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Beth LaGrange as a Clerk/Typist, (provisional) step 1, at a rate of \$19.85 per hour, effective September 16, 2024.

E. Motion to appoint tutors-To appoint Amanda Starks and Michelle Lagonia as tutors, effective September 12, 2024, at a rate of \$40 per hour.

F. Motion to amend an appointment-To amend the appointment date for Alyssa Winckler to the music tenure area, (probationary), Step 2, with a salary of \$54,658 per year, effective September 16, 2024 through September 16, 2028. 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]).

G. Motion to amend appointments-To appoint Lee Bordick to acting positions to cover a maternity leave as per below:  
Rensselaer Columbia Green Workers Compensation Consortium Representative Lee Bordick (previously Danielle Brewster)  
Authorization to pay utilities, petty cash and postage per the claims audit review Lee Bordick  
Authorization to invest surplus funds in accordance with Accepted Investment Practices and Board Policy Lee Bordick  
Deputy District Clerk Lee Bordick  
District Treasurer Lee Bordick  
School Lunch Hearing Officer Lee Bordick  
Workers Compensation Delegate Lee Bordick

H. Motion to appoint an Aide-To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Joe DeSena as a Teacher and Bus Aide, step 2, at a rate of \$16.26 per hour, effective October 10, 2024.

## **8. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

A. Next Board Meeting Date November 13, 2024  
Speed radar results also discussed.

## **9. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board President Brutsch made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:05pm for the purpose of discussing personnel. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained. Board President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Harper as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Brutsch made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly McGivern*

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk