

NEWLEBANON

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Regular Meeting
October 21, 2009

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Smith, Gavrity, Bingham, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Daniel Packard, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator.

ABSENT: Board Members Luhrmann and Lambert.

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public, Kimberly DiNuzzo, AIS/Special Education Teacher

Public Comment

Helen Burton expressed interest in the preservation of the Union Free School.

Board Member Wood spoke about the NYSSBA conference that she and Board Members Sowalski and Bingham attended in NYC.

Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, shared with the Board that the pool work complete. The windows in the WBH building have been replaced. Governor Patterson is proposing mid-year budget cuts, which could impact the district.

Superintendent McGraw shared that the Chatham Central School District will be assisting New Lebanon with an out of district bus run, Historic Society representatives would be evaluating the Union Free School structure, and that we would be participating in a shared service grant with Rensselaer County school districts.

Superintendent

Action Item

Superintendent McGraw read a proclamation with regard to School Board Recognition week, which is October 19-23, 2009. Board members were presented with flowers, as a token of appreciation.

WHEREAS, each year, School Board Recognition Week is observed by more than 700 school boards in school districts throughout the Empire State; and

WHEREAS, the men and women serving as members of school boards are dedicated to children, learning and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education; and

WHEREAS, the members of New York's local school boards are community leaders who provide an invaluable resource as local decision makers, responding not only to the respective educational needs of their communities, but also serving the interests of schoolchildren and their futures; and

WHEREAS, during the week of October 19-23, 2009, special activities and programs will

Public Comment

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Administrative
Comments**

**School Board
Recognition Week**

be held in communities across New York State in recognition of this observance and it is fitting to join in acknowledging the commitment and contributions of members of local school boards;
 NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 19-23, 2009 as School Board Recognition Week in the Empire State.

Minutes

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve the October 7, 2009 minutes as amended. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

Kimberly DiNuzzo, Special Education Teacher spoke to the Board about Leveled Literacy Intervention, a program implemented this year.

Action Items

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to accept items A-C as a block. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To accept a soccer banner donation from Donna McHugh.
- b. To declare the following textbooks excess as they are obsolete:

Quantity	Title and ISBN Number
45	Geometry: Glencoe McGraw Hill; 1998 ISBN: 0-07-821937-X
5	Geometry Teacher Edition: Glencoe McGraw Hill; 1998; ISBN: 0-07-821938-8

- c. To approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students:

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Leslie Whitcomb informed the Board that the soccer banner was hand stitched by Mrs. McHugh.

Financial

Non-Action Items

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator spoke to the Board about insurance coverage for dependents up to the age of 30, use of reserve fund for unemployment and gave a report on the Business Office.

Action Items

Board Member Smith made a motion to approve items A-D as a block. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To approve a transfer of \$9,030.67 from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund and increase budget line A9050.800 by \$9,030.67.
- b. To approve the August, 2009 Treasurers report.
- c. To authorize payment to Hoosick Valley Contractors in the amount of \$21,807.22 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (misc. renovations).
- d. To authorize payment to BR Johnson in the amount of \$15,078.63 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (window and door replacement).

Minutes

Accepted Banner Donation

Excess/Obsolete Textbooks

CSE/CPSE Recommendations/Placements

Business Office Reports

Transfer

August, 2009 Treasurers Report

Hoosick Valley Contractors Payment

BR Johnson Payment Discussion

Personnel

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-C as a block. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.

Coach	Sport	Stipend
Maura Stouter	Boys Varsity Volleyball	\$2250
Leilani Hover	Boys Varsity Volleyball Volunteer	No stipend
Carl Erickson	Boys Varsity Basketball Volunteer	No stipend

b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following certified and uncertified substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Teacher	Rate (per day)
Carey Mizenko (certified)	\$90.00
Erin Robilotta (certified)	\$90.00
Martha Esposito (uncertified)	\$80.00
Annabel Lee (uncertified)	\$80.00
Teacher Assistant	Rate (per hour)
Martha Esposito	\$13.42

c. To accept the resignation of Kelly Chapman, bus driver, effective October 6, 2009.

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Smith questioned the status of building renovations in light of proposed State Aid cuts.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

Maura Stouter, Boys Varsity Volleyball Coach

Leilani Hover, Boys Varsity Volleyball Volunteer

Carl Erickson, Boys Varsity Basketball Volunteer

Carey Mizenko, & Erin Robilotta, Certified Substitute Teachers

Martha Esposito, Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant

Annabel Lee, Uncertified Substitute Teacher

Kelly Chapman, Resignation

Board Open Discussion

Public Comment

Adjournment