



Wednesday, September 11, 2013  
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board Education and Tenure Reception  
Jr./Sr. High School Library  
6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting

**1. TENURE RECEPTION 6:30 PM**

Meghan Pepe and Jason Breslin were recognized.

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

The Regular Board of Education Meeting held at the Jr/Sr High School in the library. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Tim Lambert, Board President, Michael Bienes, Board Vice President, Monique Wood, Board Member, Tracy Bingham, Board Member, Sharon Putnam, Board Member, Christine Sotek, Board Member

**Absent:** Martha Esposito, Board Member

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS**

A. Transportation update given by Mary Mabb. Pre-K and Kindergarten orientation went well.

Children were instructed how to ride a bus safely. She expects propane busses by mid-October. The fuel depot is almost ready. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton suburban arrived; it will also be fitted with a plow for dual purposes. Our DOT inspection rates are excellent; she credited our drivers, dispatcher and mechanics. In 2011-12 46 busses were inspected with 1 failure. In 2010-11 47 busses were inspected, with 0 failures. In 2009-10 48 busses were inspected with 0 failures.

B. Student representative update- student was not able to attend.

C. Business office update given by Michael Los. He presented the Facilities Committee meeting minutes from August 26, 2013, along with the

Committee's recommendations. Bids will open October 10 for bus garage floor work. Board Member Sotek asked if the bus garage floor would be epoxy sealed.

D. Tamara Thorpe-Odom presented the Special Education update. The full day Pre-K program is now available for 3 and 4 year old students. We are able to offer transportation to 4 year olds. This year we are asking the question "Why do we teach" - the answer is we need to be preparing K - high school for career and college readiness. The co-teaching model is designed to increase accountability, alignment of common core, goals, and curriculum. We will increase rigor and provide high quality instruction to promote academic and social success.

E. WBH Elementary update by Leslie Whitcomb. There was a smooth start to the year. Several minor changes were made to the daily schedule to increase instructional time. The Pre-K program is more integrated with the WBH program. The primary program is operating smoothly, with students enjoying the pace and activities. Grades 5-6 students have expressed enthusiasm for their program and are welcoming content area study. She spoke about planning the open house, developing SLOs, and the Tiger jam program.

F. Jr/Sr High School update given by Matt Klafehn. Rick Arket was introduced to the Board. The Board was notified of the upcoming high school open house on September 17, the dinner sponsored by the class of 2016 and picture day. The high school has had an excellent start to the school year with a smooth transition for students. There is a service dog in the building working with a student with a physical disability. Students are respecting the boundaries needed for the dog to work. Two of three international students have arrived; one from Vietnam and one from Brazil. Both attended the soccer tournament and seem to have developed a social network here. The third student is scheduled to arrive on Friday, September 13. Family and consumer science teacher Michelle Daus was selected for the Julian A. Milkes Award for Outstanding New Business Teacher for 2013. The Award will be presented in Buffalo in October.

G. Athletic report was given by Rick Arket. All fall sports teams have begun competition as of September 24. The New Lebanon soccer tournament was a success and excellent sportsmanship was exhibited. It was a great collaboration between coaches, players, boosters and community members. Meet the coaches night is Thursday, September 12.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Action**

Board Member Bingham made the motion to approve items 6A-B. Board Member Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 naves, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the July 31, 2013 minutes.

B. Motion to approve the August 14, 2013 minutes.

## **7. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**Non-Action**

Tamara Thorpe-Odom presented on the summer 2013 K-6 program.  
Superintendent McGraw presented on the 2012-13 Grades 3-8 Assessments.

**Action**

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve item 7C. Board Member Bingham seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students: 092100266, 092100118, 092100131, and 092100291.

**8. FINANCIAL****Non-Action**

Michael Los reported on the Affordable Care Act.

**Action**

Board Vice President Bienes made the motion to approve items 8B-L. Board Member Wood seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Motion to approve the July 2013 treasurers report.

C. Motion to approve budget transfers totaling \$67,657.47

D. Motion to approve an inter-fund transfer from line A2250490 to A9950900 in the amount of \$110,000 for installing concrete in the bus garage storage facility.

E. Motion to approve the Jr/Sr HS extra-curricular accounts for July 1- August 31, 2013.

F. Motion to approve surplus and obsolete items as listed

G. Motion to accept a grant-in-aid from the NYSED in the amount of \$10,000 for general purposes.

H. Motion to increase budget line A1621200 by \$10,000

I. Motion to approve payment to T. McElligott, Inc. in the amount of \$69,920 for work completed on the Jr/Sr high school hot water tank

J. Motion to approve payment to Rosch Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$34,196.20 for work completed on the safety glass replacement and painting projects at WBH elementary.

K. Motion to accept Target Take Charge of Education donation in the amount of \$191.39.

L. Motion to increase budget line A2020.450-3 in the amount of \$191.39 for said Target Take Charge of Education donation.

**9. PERSONNEL****Action**

Board Member Wood made the motion to approve items 9A-B. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained (Vice President Bienes).

A. Motion to appoint Michelle Bienes as clerk/typist substitute for the Jr/Sr high school office for August 22-23, 2013 at a rate of \$14.91/hour.

B. To appoint, upon the recommendation of superintendent McGraw, Michelle Bienes and Lisa Kreutziger as co-advisors of Continuing Education with a shared stipend of \$1500.

Board Member Sotek made a motion to approve items 9C-E. Board Vice President Bienes seconded.

6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to appoint the following substitute teachers:

Natalia DeRuzzio, Teacher	Uncertified	\$85.00/day
Joanne Willard, Teacher	Uncertified	\$85.00/day
Michelle Schrader, Teacher	Certified (currently employed)	\$100.00/day
Robert Allard, Teacher	Certified (previously employed)	\$100.00/day
Linda Agostine, Teaching Assistant	Uncertified (currently employed)	\$14.52/hour
Carol Darcy, Teacher's Aide	Uncertified	\$11.94/hour
Carol Darcy, Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	\$14.52/hour
Chelsea Tomlinson, Teaching Assistant	Uncertified	\$14.52/hour
Markus Wesaw, Teacher	Uncertified	\$85.00/day
Mary Haake, Teacher	Uncertified	\$85.00/day

D. Motion to appoint the following mentors for the 2013-14 school year:

Benjamin Long	Mentor to Kurt Hassenpflug	\$575.00 per year
Glenn Giumarra	Mentor to Kara Gillivan	\$1150.00 per year
Scott Thompson	Mentor to Kelsey Boyce	\$1150.00 per year

E. To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, Deborah Colarusso, to the position of Secretary I, effective September 12, 2013, at a rate of \$18.88 per hour.

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT**

### **Non-Action**

A. Superintendent McGraw presented the superintendents goals, which support the Board's goals.

B. Superintendent McGraw asked the Board for topics to be presented by Questar III when they visit on November 13, 2013, The Board decided they would like information on the increased rigor in special education, the integration of college credit or national certification into the CTE programs and online testing becoming available.

## **11. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION**

None

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **13. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Action**

A. Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee. Board Member Wood seconded the motion. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

B. Board Member Sotek made the motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Member Wood seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action**

A. Board Member Wood made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Board Vice President seconded. Motion carried. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly McGivern, District Clerk

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