



14665 State Route 22
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Visitation Committee at WBH at 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2010

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Wood at 6:41 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Wood, Smith, Gavriety, Kroboth, Bingham, Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Rebecca Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator.

ABSENT: Sowalski and Lambert

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public.

<p>The visitation committee met at WBH at 5:30 to begin a facilities tour.</p>	
<p>Executive Session Board Member Wood made a motion to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:42 p.m. Seconded by Board Gavriety. 5 ayes, 0 nays.</p>	<p>Executive Session</p>
<p>Clerk Pro-Tem Board Member Wood made a motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Seconded by Board Member Gavriety. 5 ayes, 0 nays.</p>	<p>Clerk Pro-Tem</p>
<p>RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR ADDITIONAL BOARD ACTION.</p>	<p>Return to Open Session</p>
<p>The Board returned to open session at 6:54 p.m. There was a five minute break. The regular meeting started at 7:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Public Comment None.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
<p>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor, notified the Board that she has been able to reduce four bus runs, she is in the process of reassessing the bus replacement plan, all bus drivers did dry bus runs and the fuel system is in. Schodack Central School District will be sharing substitute bus drivers with New Lebanon.</p>	<p>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</p>
<p>Superintendent McGraw announced that the Board went on a tour of both buildings prior to the Board meeting. The elementary school has had an electric upgrade, a new computer lab, and ten new phones have been installed for the all call system. At the Jr./Sr. high school, phones have also been added, painting has been done, new flooring has been installed in the locker room, asbestos tile has been removed and replaced with new tile and new lockers have been installed on the third floor.</p>	

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that tax bills have been mailed and the transition to the new bank is done.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, notified the Board that there was a 7th grade open house last week, schedules have been put together and faculty and staff are attending conference days on Sept. 1 and 2.

Matthew Klafehn, Athletic Director notified the Board that the Varsity teams are practicing and the home opener game will be on September 8. The New Lebanon Soccer tournament is scheduled for October 14-16, 2010.

Becky Marzeski, WBH Principal notified the Board that staff has been working despite not having electricity in the building (due to the electrical upgrade). She also mentioned that she has been sharing goals with the staff.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom notified the Board that she has been getting outside placements ready, schedules finalized and has been working on collaboration with Becky Marzeski. Tamara has also been meeting with representatives from the county.

Minutes

Action Items

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

- a. Review and approval of the August 4, 2010 minutes.
- b. Review and approval of the August 18, 2010 minutes.
- c. Review and approval of the August 23, 2010 minutes.

Curriculum and Instruction

Non-Action Items

Superintendent McGraw gave a report on the 2010 State Assessment results.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mary Beth Liles, and Rick Jason gave a presentation on the topic, Preparing for the 21st Century.

Action Items

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve item A. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

082800003	091140000	092100014	000002514
000002487	000002513	000002472	000002268

Financial

Non-Action Items

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier discussed open enrollment and health insurance eligibility/audit.

Action Items

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items A-D with a change to the dates in item C as a block. Seconded by Board Member Smith. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To approve budget transfers totaling \$25,831.00.

Minutes

2010 State Assessment Results

21st Century Presentation

CSE/CPSE Programs & Placements

Health Insurance Eligibility/Audit Discussion

Budget Transfers

- b. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary Extra-Curricular Accounts dated July 31, 2010 as submitted by Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Interim Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- c. To approve the 2009-2010 Final Cooperative Educational Service Contract (BOCES) and to allow the District Clerk to sign the contract.
- d. 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 McGraw to dispose of the items:

Quantity	Item
8	metal tables
1	4-drawer file cabinet
1	small wood table
2	wood carrels
2	wood cabinets
1	Lafayette record player
5	fold-up wood tables

Personnel

Action Items

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

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitute for the 2010-2011 school year.

Name	Certified or Uncertified	Position	Rate
Carol Lukas	Uncertified	Teacher	\$80.00 per day
Edward Wever	Certified	Teacher	\$95.00 per day
Debbie Sweeney	Certified	Teacher	\$95.00 per day
Dolores Laier	Uncertified	Teaching Assistant	\$13.69 per hour

- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Audrey Nerney as a substitute cook/server cashier for the 2010-2011 school year at a rate of \$10.20 per hour as per CSEA contract.

Superintendent

Non-Action Items

Debbie Gordon, a representative of the Lebanon Valley Historical Society, spoke to the Board about their vision for the Union Free School building. They need to raise \$60,000 and would like the District to continue to work with them to apply for the grants. They visualize a community center or a mentor center. The Board would like to revisit this at a future meeting.

Superintendent McGraw reviewed the five year facilities plan.

Superintendent McGraw shared her goals for the 2010-2011 school year along with corresponding principal goals. These goals will help guide us throughout the year.

Superintendent McGraw discussed with the Board that a change order has been placed with Brunswick Electric to provide an outlet to power Columbia Memorial Hospital's mobile dental unit. The mobile dental unit will provide dental services for our children.

WBH Extra-Curricular Accounts, July 31, 2010

2009-2010 BOCES Contract

Surplus Items

Carol Lukas, Ed Wever, Debbie Sweeney & Dolores Laier, Substitutes

Audrey Nerney, Substitute Cook/Server Cashier

Union Free Building Discussion

Five Year Facilities Plan

2010-2011 Goals

Dental Unit

Superintendent McGraw notified the Board that the Columbia County School Boards Association meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2010. Board Member Wood will poll the other board members to see who would like to attend.

Board Open Discussion

Board Member Smith stated that the building tours were great and it was nice to see the work that was done and noted that WBH has greatly improved in the past 3 years. Board Member Gavriety stated that we are lucky to have Mr. Jason as a teacher who consistently keeps up with change and noted that we are fortunate to have other positive teachers as well.

Public Comment

Michael Brustch commented that we should not overlook the vocational programs with regard to the 21st Century discussion. He also stated that he supports the teachers doing externships.

Adjournment

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Bingham. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

_____ Respectfully submitted,
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

**Columbia County
School Boards
Association Meeting**

Board Open Discussion

Public Comment

Adjournment