



Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board Education

Tenure Reception at 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High School Library

A reception was held at 6:30 p.m. in honor of those who received tenure.

The regular meeting was held at the Jr./Sr. High School library. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Sowalski at 7:13 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Board Vice President Sowalski, Board Members Gavrity, Bingham, Bienes and Sotek. Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator.

**Absent:** Board President Wood, Board Member Kroboth, and Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

**Also Present:** Members of the public.

### **1. Tenure Recognition**

A tenure reception was held at 6:30. The Board recognized those who have been granted tenure beginning in September 2012.

### **2. Public Comment**

None.

### **3. Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments**

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the board that the roof project is staying on target with the estimated end date of September 26, 2012. With the new requirements for the lunch program, it seems that our numbers are staying on par with last year. We are also getting some positive feedback from students. The budget transfer on the agenda is to switch paying Teaching Assistants from a grant back to the general fund. We were notified that we are receiving two grants-in-aid for general purpose – one for \$17,800 and one for \$16,000.

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, notified the board that the Special Education Department is off to a good start. There is one change in the Jr./Sr. High School self-contained classroom. Our two psychologists have been trained as co-chairs. 1:1 iPads will be used by our special education students starting this year. The share with Chatham is going well.

Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, notified the board that WBH has had a smooth start to the school year. eSchool is being used by teachers. The goals set for WBH are being worked on. Teacher eBoards are being updated, as well as the webpage. Teacher newsletters

have gone home. Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012. Changes to the Code of Conduct and how they relate to Dignity for All Students Act will be introduced. Local assessments will be administered this month in preparation for developing Student Learning Objectives. Next month, students will be assessed using Fountas and Pinnell assessments. Embedded staff developers are meeting with teams of teachers. The first Tiger Jam Assembly is this Friday.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, notified the board that currently the high school is offering 37 college credits through dual credit courses. The opening went smoothly. Open House is planned for September 18, 2012. We will be providing support for parents who would like to sign up for the parent portal. The seventh grade open house in August was well-attended. The JSHS staff engaged in Professional Development to increase their effectiveness teaching students in poverty. Their work was based on the brain research of Eric Jensen and the book *Teaching with Poverty in Mind*.

Karen McGraw, Superintendent, notified the board of the Saturday workshops for BOE members hosted by Questar III (October 6, 2012, December 1, 2012, February 9, 2013 and March 23, 2013).

## 5. Approval of Minutes

### Action Item

Board Member Sotek made the motion to review and approve the August 15, 2012 minutes. Board Member Bingham seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

## 6. Curriculum & Instruction

### Non-Action Item

Tamara Thorpe-Odom presented a report on the summer school program. The Summer School Program was successful this year. Thirteen students attended consistently. The partnership with the Summer Youth Program at Shatford Park was positive. Tamara thanked Michele Kinns for running the program and Michelle Bienes for the partnership with the Shatford Summer Program.

### Non-Action Item

Corie Noel, 7-12 math teacher, presented an HVCC Algebra and Nanotech program report. HVCC and NEATEC is a grant to do a full-year college credit class. Students will do a nanotech lab at the end of each math unit.

### Action Item

Board Member Bingham made the motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements for the following special education students as listed in chart below:

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092100222	092100209

Board Member Gavrity seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

## 7. Financial

### Action Item

Board Member Gavrity made the motion to approve items 7A – P. Board Member Bingham seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays

- A. Motion to accept the donation of the following items from Paul Walter and Michelle Lagonia as per chart.

2 tall book shelves
3 short book shelves
5 multi-cubes
1 rolling stool
1 clothes tree
1 TV/VCR
1 DVD player
3 HP color printers
2 teacher chairs
2 short file cabinets
1 window air conditioner
1 computer desk

- B. Motion to accept a donation of 80 new Sharp EL-W535B calculators from the Hudson Pride Foundation.
- C. Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$163.17 from Target Take Charge of Education to support the Jr./Sr. High School.
- D. Motion to increase budget line A21104504 by \$163.17.
- E. Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$195.80 from Target Take Charge of Education to support the WBH Elementary School.
- F. Motion to increase budget line A21104503 by \$195.80.
- G. Motion needed to accept new truck bid. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District received, accepted and opened bids for one (1) 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 4WD regular cab 133.7" work truck on August 31, 2012 and WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was DeNooyer Chevrolet, Inc. with a base bid in the amount of \$25,648, and with Alternate #1 in the amount of \$1,225 (cap). THERFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total bid in the amount of \$26,873 is awarded to DeNooyer Chevrolet, Inc.
- H. Motion to approve excessing the following textbooks as listed.  
 36- Holt Science & Technology – Inside the Restless Earth  
 32-Holt Science & Technology – Astronomy  
 20-Holt Science & Technology – Weather and Climate  
 1-Glencoe Mathematics Applications & Concepts Course 2  
 1-Envision Math – Review Copy  
 39 – Holt Math Textbooks – Hard Cover Student  
 3-Holt Math Textbooks – Hard Cover Teacher  
 44- Holt Math Textbooks – Soft Cover Books
- I. Motion to approve the July, 2012 Treasurer's report.
- J. Motion to accept the cooperative transportation bid. WHEREAS, the New Lebanon Central School District and the Schodack Central School District accepts the results of the cooperative transportation bid from vendors for selected auto, truck and bus parts as outlined on the bid award sheet pursuant to the bid opening held at Schodack Central School District.
- K. Motion to approve budget transfers totaling \$117,715.00

- L. Motion to approve the June 1-31, 2012, Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts as submitted by Sarah Roblez, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.
- M. Motion to approve the Jr./Sr. High School Extra-Curricular Accounts August 1-31, 2012 as submitted by Sara Roblez, Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer
- N. Motion to approve the Walter B. Howard Extra-Curricular accounts August 31, 2012 as submitted by Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Interim Extra-Curricular accounts treasurer
- O. Motion 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 as per attached.
- P. Motion to authorize payment to Rosch Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$15,580.00 for work completed at Walter B. Howard Elementary School (safety glass and paint).

## 8. Annual Appointments

### Action Item

Board Vice President Sowalski made the motion to appoint officers and others for annual appointments. All appointments to be in effect until the time of the 2012-2013 Organizational Meeting, or until a successor is appointed (whichever occurs first) as per chart below:

Title	Individual	Stipend
Extra-Curricular Treasurer	Tammy Leonard	No stipend

Board Member Gavriity seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

## 9. Personnel

### Action Item

Board Member Bienes made the motion to approve item numbers 9A – I. Board Member Sotek seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

- A. Motion to appoint additional substitutes for the 2012-2013 school year.
- B. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, Cynthia Mars to the position of substitute school nurse (LPN) at a rate of \$17.01 per hour, effective September 13, 2012.
- C. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, Michael Burdette to the position of substitute Laborer, at a rate of \$11.86 per hour, effective September 6, 2012.
- D. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, Christina Seyerlein to the position of school nurse (LPN) with a rate of \$17.01 per hour, effective September 4, 2012.
- E. Motion to accept the resignation of Krista (Giangrossi) Grandinetti, Secretary to the Superintendent/Deputy District Clerk, effective September 7, 2012.
- F. Motion to accept the resignation of Linda Parslow, Aide, effective September 1, 2012.
- G. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, the following mentor as per NLTA contract, effective September 1, 2012 as per chart below:

Mentor	Stipend	Mentee(s)
Cissie West	\$1150	Melissa Cook
Cissie West	\$1150	Kellyn Moore Kellie Jean Griffin

- H. Motion to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, the following volunteers as listed.

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Scott White	Boys Modified Soccer	No stipend
Brooke Warden	Girls Modified Soccer	No stipend

- I. Motion to accept the resignation of Scott Putnam, Maintenance Worker, effective September 7, 2012.

**10. Superintendent**

**Non-Action Item**

Superintendent McGraw presented the Combined Board of Education and Administrator Goals for the 2012-2013 school year.

**11. Board Open Discussion**

None.

**12. Public Comment**

None.

**13. Executive Session**

**Action Item**

Board Vice President Sowalski made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employment matters related to a particular person. Board Member Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays

**Action Item**

Board Vice President Sowalski made the motion to appoint Superintendent McGraw as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board Member Bingham seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**14. Adjournment**

**Action Item**

Board Vice President Sowalski made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Board Member Bienes seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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Respectfully Submitted:  
 Leslie M. Coons, Deputy District Clerk