



14665 State Route 22  
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Tenure Reception at 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
September 14, 2011

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 President Wood at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Board Members Wood, Sowalski, Gavriety, Kroboth, Bingham, and Sotek. Superintendent McGraw, Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, and Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator.

**ABSENT:** Board Member Bienes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Members of the public.

<p><b>Tenure Reception</b> A tenure reception was held at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Executive Session</b> Board Member Wood made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski.</p> <p><b>Return to Open Session</b> The Board returned to open session at 7:36 p.m.</p> <p><b>Public Comment</b> None.</p> <p><b>Acknowledgments/Administrative Comments</b> Mary Mabb, Transportation Supervisor, notified the Board that a bus driver refresher training was held in conjunction with Schodack Central School bus drivers. Kindergarten orientation was a success. Bus safety drills will be conducted soon.</p> <p>Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, notified the Board that Shaker Mountain Canning donated eggplant to the district. Patty Metzler, Head Cook, has also bought fresh green beans from Shaker Mountain Canning. She is incorporating fresh fruits and vegetables into the menu. She has started having students taste testing new recipes and it has been a success.</p> <p>Becky Marzeski, WBH Elementary Principal, notified the Board that this year will be even more rigorous than last year and we have already begun using data as to inform our instruction. Tiger Jam kicked off on Friday, September 9, 2011. Students learned how students like them</p>	<p><b>Tenure Reception</b></p> <p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p><b>Return to Open Session</b></p> <p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p><b>Acknowledgments/ Administrative Comments</b></p>
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can help others who are in need. The WBH Open House is on September 15. Students are invited to attend with their parents.

Leslie Whitcomb, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, notified the Board that the start of the school year has been smooth. The add/drop period for classes is coming to a close. There have been a few requests for schedule changes. The Open House was successful and thanked the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes for providing a BBQ. Teachers and Teaching Assistants participated in a professional development day, “Teaching to the Adolescent Brain”. Faculty began discussion of a Schmoker book, Focus, at the first faculty meeting. They will continue the book discussion with curriculum coordinators with respect to reading and writing in all content areas.

Matthew Klafehn, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, notified the board that, despite the wet weather, we had a very successful soccer tournament this past weekend. Thursday’s contests were postponed to allow the field to dry, thereby ensuring quality play for the duration of the weekend. Maintenance workers RJ Menegio and Bob Taber were commended for their work in preparing the field. He received a number of compliments from spectators, officials, and the Athletic Directors of the visiting teams as to how immaculate the field looked and played. He thanked the Boosters and specifically, Mike and Michelle Bienes, Angus Eaton, Nelson Furlano, April Smith, Vicki Burgess, Kim Trombley and Liz Kroboth for their hard work.

Superintendent McGraw, notified the board that the series, “Structures of School Finance” starts tonight. The purpose is to go over the theory of a budget without the actual dollar discussion.

**Minutes**

**Action Item**

Board Member Bingham made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. Review and approval of the August 17, 2011 minutes.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**Non-Action Items**

Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Director of Special Education, reviewed her annual department report with the Board.

Superintendent McGraw reviewed the NYS assessment results for 2010-2011.

The Board reviewed the following revised policies (first reading) and made a change to policy 3110:

- c. To review the following revised policies (first reading): (policies mailed with agenda)

3110	School Sponsored Media
5720	Scheduling and Routing
7611	Children with Disabilities
7617	Declassification of Students with Disabilities
7618	Use of Time Out Rooms
7670	Impartial Due Process Hearing/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

**Financial**

**Non-Action Items**

Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Business Administrator, gave a presentation on Structures of School Finance: Balanced Budget: Expenditures and Revenues.

**Minutes**

**SPED Report**

**2010-2011 NYS Assessment Results**

**Revised Policies (first reading)**

**Structures of School Finance**

**Action Items**

Board Member Gavrity made a motion to approve items a-f. Seconded by Board Member Kroboth. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To award surplus vehicle bids to the highest bidder(s), as per chart below as a result of a bid opening on September 7, 2011.

Bidder Name	Vehicle Description	Mileage	Total Bid
Samenz Sadevc (Salvador Espinoza)	2001 International school bus, Blue Bird body, 466 diesel, 4-speed automatic, air ride suspension. VIN#: 1HVBBAAN31H508916	146,023	\$3,725
Sulli Motor (Mark Gaudino)	2002 Chevrolet Suburban, 5.3L, gas, 4-speed automatic transmission, 4-wheel drive. VIN#: 1GNFK16Z32J292229	185,286	\$429.00
Sulli Motor (Mark Gaudino)	2002 Chevrolet Suburban, 5.3L, gas, 4-speed automatic transmission, 4-wheel drive. VIN#: 1GNFK16ZO2J292236	154,326	\$429.00

- b. To approve the July, 2011 Treasurers report.  
 c. To authorize payment to Callanan Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$91,475.84 for work completed at the Walter B. Howard Elementary School (sidewalks).  
 d. To approve budget transfers totaling \$11,500.00 for Nature's Classroom.  
 e. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated July 31, 2011 as submitted by Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Interim Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.  
 f. To approve the Walter B. Howard Elementary School Extra-Curricular Accounts dated August 31, 2011 as submitted by Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Interim Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer.

**Personnel****Action Items**

Board Member Sowalski made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Gavrity. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Wood).

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following volunteer/assistant coaches for the 2011-2012 school year:

Volunteer	Sport	Stipend
Tom Libardi	Boys Varsity Soccer	No stipend
Bruce Wood, Jr.	Boys Varsity Soccer	No stipend
Tim Christiansen	Girls Varsity Soccer	No stipend
Hannah Sowers	Girls Varsity Soccer	No stipend

Board Member Wood made a motion to approve items b-i as a block. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year.

Name	Certified or Uncertified	Position	Rate
Jessica Martin	Uncertified	Substitute Teacher	\$80.00 per day
Jacqueline Fisher	Certified	Substitute Teacher	\$95.00 per day
Carol Lukas	Uncertified	Substitute Teacher	\$80.00 per day

- c. To accept the resignation of Paul Sanford, bus driver, effective September 1, 2011.  
 d. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Paul Sanford as a substitute bus driver at a rate of \$15.47 per hour, effective September 2, 2011.  
 e. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following mentor as per NLTA contract, effective September 1, 2011:

Mentor	Stipend	Mentee
Cissie West	\$1100	Vicki Ouimet

**Surplus Bid Award****July, 2011  
Treasurers Report****Callanan Industries,  
Inc. Payment****Budget Transfers,  
\$11,500****WBH Extra-  
Curricular  
Accounts, July 31,  
2011****WBH Extra-  
Curricular  
Accounts, August  
31, 2011****Tom Libardi, Bruce  
Wood, Boys Varsity  
Soccer Coach  
Volunteers****Tim Christiansen,  
Hannah Sowers,  
Girls Varsity Soccer  
Volunteers****Jessica Martin,  
Substitute Teacher****Jacqueline Fisher,  
Substitute Teacher****Carol Lukas,  
Substitute Teacher****Paul Sanford,  
Resignation****Paul Sanford,  
Substitute Bus  
Driver****Cissie West, Mentor  
to Vicki Ouimet**

- f. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint Tamara Thorpe-Odom to tenure in the administrative tenure area as Special Education Director, effective November 16, 2011.
- g. To accept the resignation of Corie Noel, as Math 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator.
- h. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following Curriculum Coordinator for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Curriculum	Stipend
Dolores Storey	Math 7-12	\$950

- i. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent McGraw, to appoint the following Class and Club Advisors for 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Class/Club Advisor	Stipend
Anthony Tomaselli (co-advisor)	Student Council	Per contract
Michelle Lagonia (co-advisor)		(shared)

### **Superintendent Non-Action Items**

The Board discussed the Ashley Hill bus route and decided to keep the transportation route as is with the bus stop being at the corner of Ashley Hill Rd. and County Route 13.

Superintendent McGraw reviewed her goals as well as the supporting goals from the administrative team.

### **Action Item**

Board Member Sotek made a motion to approve item a. Seconded by Board Member Wood. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

- a. To designate Raymond Sowalski as the voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

### **Committee Meetings**

#### **Non-Action Item**

The policy committee will meet on September 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Board Open Discussion**

The Board discussed a Saturday morning workshop to be held at Questar III on October 1. Board Member Sowalski will attend. Board Members Kroboth and Sotek may possibly attend.

#### **Public Comment**

Steve Pawlows expressed concerns regarding safety and the Ashley Hill Rd. bus stop.

Tammy Pawlows stated that she sent a letter to the Board of Education on August 17, 2011 and her main concern is safety issues and the bus that is used to come down their road.

Michelle Nelson expressed concerns regarding safety and the Ashley Hill Rd. bus stop.

**Tamara Thorpe-Odom, Tenure**

**Corie Noel, Resignation as 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator**

**Dolores Storey, 7-12 Math Curriculum Coordinator**

**Anthony Tomaselli, Student Council Co-Advisor**

**Michelle Lagonia, Student Council Co-Advisor**

**Ashley Hill Bus Route**

**Superintendent/Administrative Team Goals**

**Raymond Sowalski, Voting Delegate**

**Policy Committee Meeting**

**Board Open Discussion**

**Questar III Meeting on 10/1/11**

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

Board Member Wood made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Sowalski. 6 ayes, 0 nays.

\_\_\_\_\_ Respectfully submitted,  
Krista Giangrossi, Deputy District Clerk

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**Adjournment**