



Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Policy Committee and Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
Policy Committee 6:3pm Regular meeting- 7:00pm in the JSHS Library

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert __ P __
Mike Bienes, Jr. __ A __
Mike Brutsch __ A __
Bill Buckenroth __ P __
John Kalisz __ P __
Rob Long __ P __
Richard Sime __ P __

Also in attendance:

Leslie Whitcomb __ P __
Matt Klafehn __ P __
Andrew Kourt __ P __
Josh Noble __ A __
Kevin Fottrell __ P __

1. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM

2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Board President Lambert at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex and Laura Bassallo presented information to the board on the home play sports bill.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

A. WBH update- Andrew Kourt presented on special friends day, read-a-thon, science and math professional development, math assessment tool, John Gray visit, winter concert, spelling bee winner and craft night.

B. JSHS update- Matt Klafehn presented on graduation requirements, community thanksgiving dinner, choir performances and regents.

C. Athletic update-Matt Klafehn presented on team competitions and athletic mergers.

D. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update- Kevin Fottrell presented on the capital and epc projects, transportation communication system, OSC audit of resources for financial transparency on our website.

E. Superintendent update- Superintendent Whitcomb updated the board on forum on sustainability of public schools.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Long seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the November 13, 2019 Board of Education Meeting minutes

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to approve items 6A-B. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve CSE recommendations of programs and placements for the attached special education students.

B. Motion to approve athletic mergers for the 2019-20 school year as per below:

Boys and Girls Modified and Varsity Track, Modified, JV, and Varsity Baseball, Modified, JV, and Varsity Softball

7. FINANCIAL

A. 2019-20 School Tax Collection Report- Kevin Fottrell presented.

B. Reserve Plan Information- Kevin Fottrell presented.

C. Discussion of Budget Goals for 2019-20- Superintendent Whitcomb and Kevin Fottrell facilitated.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 7D-G. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

D. Motion to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's Report.

E. Motion to approve the October 2019 grades 6-12 extra-curricular accounts report.

F. Motion to approve the 2020-21 Budget Calendar.

G. Motion to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$113,000 as per attached.

8. PERSONNEL

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to approve items 8A-C. Board member Long seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to appoint a long term substitute upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Emily Reardon as a long term substitute to cover a maternity leave, beginning on or about February 9, 2019 at a rate of \$241.46.

B. Motion to appoint a long term substitute upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Claudia Cass as a long term substitute to cover a maternity leave, beginning on or about January 6, 2020 at a rate of \$241.46.

C. Motion to appoint substitutes

To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, the following substitutes:

Emily Reardon	substitute teaching assistant \$85/day, substitute teacher \$100/day	effective November 14, 2019
Billy O'Connell	substitute teaching assistant \$85/day, substitute teacher \$85/day, substitute cleaner/\$12.61/hour	effective December 12, 2019
Courtney Powell (previously teaching aide)	substitute teaching assistant \$85/day, substitute teacher \$85/day	effective December 12, 2019
Sheilla Hopkins	substitute cleaner/\$12.61/hour	effective December 12, 2019
Kyle Greenway	substitute cleaner/\$12.61/hour	effective December 12, 2019

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve item 8D. Board member Long seconded. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained (Buckenroth).

D. Motion to appoint scoreboard operators- upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Kristen Carson and Britt Buckenroth as scoreboard operators effective December 10, 2018 with a stipend of \$30 per game.

Board President Lambert made the motion to approve items 8E-I. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

E. Motion to appoint a volleyball bookkeeper upon the recommendation of Superintendent Whitcomb, Sarah Williams as a volleyball bookkeeper at a rate of \$30 per game.
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F. Motion to appoint an impartial hearing officer Jeffrey Guerra as an impartial hearing officer effective November 19, 2019 at a rate of \$100 per hour.

G. Motion to create a Yoga Club with Michelle Lagonia as adviser with no stipend (first year).

H. Motion to accept a resignation from Leslie Whitcomb for the purpose of retirement effective September 30, 2020.

I. Motion to approve a resolution- Resolved, to approve the contract between the school district and Andrew Kourt for a term of three years and upon the other terms set for there in; and to authorize the board president to execute the contract on behalf of the board of education.

9. POLICY

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to approve item 9A. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve a policy (second reading)

New policy 8121.1.pdf (130 KB)

10. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

A. Superintendent update- Superintendent Whitcomb updated on the capital project and recent data protection officer training.

11. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting January 15, 2020.

12. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Lambert made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the performance of district professional service providers. Board member Kalisz seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board member Buckenroth made the motion to appoint Superintendent Whitcomb as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Lambert seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Lambert made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Board member Long seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk