



Wednesday, November 12, 2021
Regular Meeting of the New Lebanon Central School Board of Education
Regular meeting 7:00pm –JSHS Gymnasium

Attendance: (P=Present A=Absent)

Tim Lambert __P__
Mike Brutsch __P__
Bill Buckenroth __P__
John Kalisz __P__
Rob Long __A__
Sharon Putnam __P__
Richard Sime __P__

Also in attendance:

Andrew Kourt __P__
Matt Klafehn __P__
Josh Noble __P__
Francis Rielly __P__

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

- A. Food Service update- Pat Metzler presented on service numbers by grade, serving requirements and farm-to-table.
- B. WBH update- Josh Noble presented on behavioral issues, social issues, citizenship and conference day.
- C. JSHS/Athletic update- Matt Klafehn presented on student representatives, sports, sectionals, clubs, school store, fall festival and the winter sports season.
- D. Business Office/Facilities and Grounds update- Francis Rielly presented on the capital project, facility committee meeting and taxes.
- E. Superintendent update- Information provided by Superintendent Kourt on covid testing machines, trip to Anderson SC school, professional development, winter sports and spectators, bus driver shortage and cross country.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Public Comment- The Board may be addressed on matters concerning programs and/or operations of the district, other than matters involving personnel and comments that constitute

an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person. Members of the Board do not directly respond to citizen concerns during Public Comment. While the Board does not wish to infringe upon free speech protections, it must be stressed that Public Comment is not deemed to be an open forum. In addition, any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing are prohibited and will be declared out of order.

Corie Noel spoke regarding the mask mandate in school sports.

Dennis Burek spoke regarding the veterans exemption.

Raymona Griffin spoke in regards to the veterans exemption.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board President Putnam made the motion to approve item 4A. Board member Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve the October 13, 2021 Board of Education Meeting minutes

5. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve item 5A. Board member Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations of programs and placements

6. FINANCIAL

A. First Internal Claims Audit report- As submitted by Chris Pallozzi, Internal Claims Auditor.

Board President Putnam made the motion to approve item 6B. Board Vice President Brutsch seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstained (Buckenroth)

B. Motion to accept a donation- To accept the donation of speakers from Bill Buckenroth with an approximate value of \$250

Board member Lambert made the motion to approve items 6C-J. Board President Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

C. Motion to approve a settlement agreement

WHEREAS, the District was named as a defendant in an action commenced in the New York State Supreme Court, Columbia County, Index No. E012020015726 ("Action No. 1");

WHEREAS, the District was named as a defendant in an action commenced in the New York State Supreme Court, Columbia County, Index No. E012020015727 ("Action No. 2");

WHEREAS, the plaintiff in Action No. 1 and the District have, subject to this Board's approval, agreed to settle and fully resolve action No. 1 pursuant to a Settlement Agreement

("Settlement Agreement No. 1"); WHEREAS, the plaintiff in Action No. 2 and the District have, subject to this Board's approval, agreed to settle and fully resolve action No. 2 pursuant to a Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement No. 2");

NOW, THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the Board held on November 10, 2021, at which a quorum of the Board was present, on a motion made by Lambert and seconded by Putnam, it was RESOLVED, that the Board approves Settlement Agreement No. 1; and RESOLVED, that the Board approves

Settlement Agreement No. 2; and RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized and directed to execute Settlement Agreement No. 1 and Settlement Agreement No. 2; and RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and directs the District's counsel to execute, file, and serve the necessary and appropriate documents to discontinue Action No. 1 and Action No. 2.

D. Motion to approve the first quarter Internal Claims Audit report

E. Motion to return a donation of a generator to Ed Godfroy, Mike DiBuono, Tommy Evans, Lenny Brown, Mike Kileen and Ken Godfroy.

F. Motion to approve budget transfers

G. Motion to declare items excess- 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 Kourt to dispose of the items as attached: Bus# 141-Propane with blown motor, 1960s audiometer and vision tester from- no longer work

H. Motion to approve the September 2021 extra-curricular report-as submitted by Sarah Roblez, JSHS Extra-Curricular Accounts Treasurer

I. Motion to approve the October 2021 grades 6-12 extra-curricular accounts report

J. Motion to approve the September 2021 Treasurer's Report

7. PERSONNEL

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to approve items 7A-N. Board President Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

A. Motion to accept a resignation- To accept a resignation from Brittany DiPalma, effective November 26, 2021.

B. Motion to accept a resignation- To accept a resignation from Frank Healy as the seventh grade advisor for the 2021-22 school year.

C. Motion to accept a resignation- To accept a resignation from Frank Healy as a cross country coach.

D. Motion to accept a resignation- To accept a resignation from Debbie Gallucci as co-advisor of the board game club.

E. Motion to appoint an advisor- To appoint Kellie Daino as board game club co-advisor (previously Deb Gallucci) (with David Hawkins) for the 2021-22 school year

F. Motion to amend coaches and advisors- To amend, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, the following positions for the 2021-22 school year: Patricia White and Jenna Cupp- Co advisors to 7th grade class (previously Frank Healy) Corie Noel- Cross Country Coach (to finish season, previously Frank Healy)

G. Motion to appoint a coaches- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, the following coaches for the 2021-22 school year, stipends as per contract.

- David Jaquish- boys JV Basketball coach
- Aaron Kanofsky- Boys Varsity Volleyball
- Danielle Jones- Swimming coach
- Bonacquisti, Chris (Varsity Boys Basketball)
- Corie Noel (Varsity Girls Basketball)
- Giumarra, Glenn (Wrestling)
- Timothy Christiansen (Swimming)

H. Motion to appoint a tutor- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Emily Reardon as a tutor effective November 1, 2021 at a rate of \$30 per hour.

I. Motion to appoint a long term substitute- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, Christiana Hull as a long term substitute to cover a medical leave beginning November 17, 2021-February 7, 2022 at a rate of \$110 per day.

J. Motion to certify Superintendent Kourt as a Lead Evaluator- BE IT RESOLVED THAT Andrew Kourt, Superintendent, is hereby certified as a Qualified Lead Evaluator of building principals having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR 30-2.9(b).

K. Motion to certify Francis Rielly as an Independent Evaluator- BE IT RESOLVED THAT Francis Rielly, Business Administrator, is hereby certified as a Qualified Independent Evaluator of building principals having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR 30-2.9(b).

L. Motion to certify Joshua Noble as Qualified Lead Evaluator- BE IT RESOLVED THAT Joshua Noble, WBH Elementary School Principal, is hereby certified as a Qualified Lead Evaluator of classroom teachers having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR 30-2.9(b).

M. Motion to certify Matthew Klafehn as a Qualified Lead Evaluator- BE IT RESOLVED THAT Matthew Klafehn, New Lebanon JSHS Principal, is hereby certified as a Qualified Lead Evaluator of classroom teachers having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR 30-2.9(b).

N. Motion to appoint substitutes- To appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kourt, the following substitutes effective November 11, 2021

Kelly Wood	Substitute LPN	\$21.14 per hour
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Eric Hurley	Substitute laborer	\$14.74 per hour
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8. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Next Board of Education Meeting December 8, 2021. The Board discussed the Veteran's tax exemption and decided not to revisit the topic. The Board determined that they would not hold a public forum, put it on the agenda or create a public survey.

9. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Putnam made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person. Board member Lambert seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Board Vice President Brutsch made the motion to appoint Superintendent Kourt as Clerk Pro-Tem. Board President Putnam seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Board member Buckenroth seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly McGivern

Kelly McGivern, District Clerk