

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting - August 25, 2009

The Chairman will vote only to make or break a tie.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Lafontaine, Chairman, Keith Wentworth, Donna Skaats, Darcy Battye, James Mello, Marisa Haralson, Melissa Hofmann, Lori Jahoda, Rene Wentworth

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McGray, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Rob Laskarzewski, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Carol Moore, Stephen Salisbury, Jerome Walsh, Mal Leichter, Maryanne Leichter

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS – Letters from Sandy Tremblay, Recreation Dept. and Kevin Kremer and other baseball coaches.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Miguel Garcia announced that Edie Ritz, middle school teacher, would be the new LEA President.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Marissa Haralson to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of minutes.

1) Regular Meeting 6/9/09

2) Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 6/9/09, Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 6/30/09, Special Session – 7/7/09, Special Session – 7/21/09, Special Session – 8/4/09, Goals/Strategic Planning Subcommittee – 8/4/09. Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

1. Curriculum – no report.

2. Finance/Budget – The subcommittee will begin to discuss the budget for 2010/2011.

3. Goals - The latest version of the Strategic Goals has been provided to Board members for discussion and review with some changes to the Performance Indicators.

4. Negotiations – Jim Mello requested a copy of the correspondence from administrators regarding the wage freeze be provided to the Board.

5. Policy – no report.

6. Transportation/Residency – no report.

7. Communications – no report.

8. Vo-AG Advisory – no report.

9. Physical Plant/Facilities – no report.

10. Student Representative – This is an Action Item.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- Bryan Perkins, Lyman student presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Board and plans to improve the trails behind the High School, which is used by Track & Field and Cross Country students. The plan involves maintenance of the trails as well as wooden boardwalks over some small stream crossings.
- Mr. McGray presented a brief overview of the Score Summary Reports for CMT and CAPT results. Student scores will be sent home to parents by Friday, September 4th and a complete testing report will be presented at the September and October Regular Meeting.
- The district has adopted a new student management system, Powerschool. Summer work involved converting student data to the new system, along with confirming the student data for Alert Now

which will notify parents of emergencies either by email, phone call or text message. Parents will receive this data to confirm accuracy and update contact information. The target for the Parent Portal to be online September 15th if there are no bugs, which is the new program version of “Parent Connect”. A “thank you” to everyone involved with working on the new management system. An overview of the new program will be provided to the Board this fall.

- Mal Leichter updated the Board on the continued pursuit of energy cost saving opportunities. He discussed the status of the program through the Connecticut Council of Municipalities and CL&P for performance based projects within the school district and also town buildings. Permitting for the wind turbine should be completed by the Building Department at the end of the week.
- Congratulations to Ryan Fabry who has been selected as Lebanon Teacher of the Year.

2. Back to School Report:

- Sandye Simon, LES Principal presented a review of Opening Day. Current student enrollment is 505 and the projection is 520 students; the 66 wing has been painted and the custodial staff did a great job cleaning the building; kindergarten students will receive a small tote bag, book and a few school supplies purchased with the School Readiness grant funds; the 1st day teacher meeting was held.
- Robert Laskarzewski, Middle School Principal – current student enrollment is 411; teachers have received training and are excited about Powerschool; the 1st Professional Development Day is for CMT data review; 1st day teacher meeting was held.
- Stephen Salisbury, LMHS Principal – current student enrollment is 568; buildings are in great condition; in-school staff training was held for Powerschool training; new teacher day was August 21st as well as freshman orientation with 110-115 freshman students; teachers will not have the benefit of department heads year due to budget cuts.
- Maryanne Leichter, Special Education – summer school student enrollment for grades PreK-12 was 60 students for 4-5 weeks; current enrollment: LES – 75, LMS – 42, LMHS – 55.
- Jerome Walsh, Director of Maintenance – status and update of summer maintenance included, yearly service of boilers at each school, fire extinguisher checks, fire suppression/sprinkler alarms, septic cleanout/inspection, water testing, AC unit inspection, odor at LMS, gym refinishing, CT Dept. of Health, Green Cleaning bill, grass seed planting, field fertilization press box removed, repairs at LES kitchen, electrical at LMS, lock work, camera work, bulk head installed on water system at LMHS, '66 wing painted, fields lined, work with REC Dept. on fields.
- Mal Leichter updated the Board on technology and transportation – buses are ready and bus stops are set. Any questions are being reviewed; new computers have been installed and older computers have been reloaded and are operating; Powerschool program has been installed in the district; a testing of the new Alert Now will be conducted with two families in October.

3. Graduation: The Board continued discussion of the graduation date. They will review as they look at next year's calendar.
4. H1N1 Virus: Informational letter has been sent home to parents regarding the H1N1 Virus. The district will follow the guidelines established by the CDC and CT Dept. of Health.
5. New Hire Summary – This is an Action Item.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1. Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Keith Wentworth to approve out-of-state field trips to: Big “E” - September 18, 19 and 23; National FFA – October 20-24; United Nations, New York – November 5; Newport, RI – November 6. Motion unanimously approved.
2. Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Rene Wentworth to approve the appointment Felicia Bakaj as the BOE Student Representative. Motion unanimously approved.
3. Moved by Jim Mello and seconded by Marisa Haralson to approve the Board of Education Strategic Plan with the recommended changes to language in “Discipline”. Motion unanimously approved.
4. Moved by Marisa Haralson and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve the Personnel Action as attached. Motion unanimously approved.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – BOE Goals; Board Retreat scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m.; Transportation Subcommittee to conduct hearing on Wednesday, September 9th; Budget, Policy and Facilities Subcommittees anticipated to meet on September 8th .

Moved by Keith Wentworth and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to enter into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. Motion unanimously passed.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 1) To discuss evaluation of Superintendent of Schools.

Moved by Darcy Battye and second by Jim Mello to leave Executive Session at 9:43 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Jim Mello to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary