

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER**  
**LEBANON, CONNECTICUT**  
Regular Session – May 26, 2009

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:43 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Darcy Battye, Rene Wentworth, James Mello, Lori Jahoda, Marisa Haralson, Donna Skaats, Melissa Hofmann, Keith Wentworth, Beriah Smith, student representative

ABSENT: Chairman Donna Lafontaine

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS – none

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Kathleen Smith, parent of 6<sup>th</sup> grade student – expressed concerns on his behalf:  
1) Keep field trips in the budget, Project “O” and Nature’s Classroom, which are beneficial learning experiences; 2) With the new middle school schedule, students participating in band and chorus do not receive a study hall and would like to see this put back in the schedule.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Darcy Battye to approve the consent agenda with noted correction to the Regular Meeting Minutes of 4/28/09.

A. Approval of minutes.

- 1) Regular Meeting 4/28/09 (Correction: V. Consent Agenda – Moved by Darcy Battye, not Rene Wentworth)
- 2) Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 4/28/09, Goals/Strategic Planning Subcommittee – 4/28/09, Special Meeting – 5/1/09, Curriculum Subcommittee – 5/12/09. Abstaining: Rene Wentworth. Motion passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

1. Curriculum – Youth and Elder Farm project meeting with coordinators to address concerns, role of students, accountability, workshops, positive senior project.
2. Finance/Budget – The Subcommittee met this evening and discussed items: custodian/maintenance positions, half-time secretary position, field trips.
3. Goals - no report.
4. Negotiations – no report.
5. Policy – no report.
6. Transportation/Residency – Anti-particulate filters have been installed on all buses.
7. Communications – A letter distributed to board members.
8. Vo-AG Advisory – no report.
9. Physical Plant/Facilities – Press box at the high school has been condemned; lawn bids discussed at next meeting; contents in storage containers will be inventoried and a list provided to Board members; Energy Audit results with recommendations; renegotiation of contract for electricity; new LMS well being is treated; recommendation for Sand-pro purchase; athletic field use by town residents discussed.
10. Student Representative – May Fest; senior end-of-year festivities; end of season spring sports; FFA State Convention to be held at Lyman on Saturday, May 30.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:
  - Middle School band/chorus won gold medals at the Great East Music Festival.

- Academic Awards program held on May 20 was successful.
- 2. Mark Morello, Girls Soccer Coach was awarded CT Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.
- 3. The District “meets the requirements” for the District IDEA Annual Performance Report (The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).
- 4. School Lunch Servings – There is an increase in the number of free lunches served.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS –**

1. Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Jim Mello to rescind non-renewal of non-tenure teachers: LES – June Dunn, Kyle Evans, Heather Lyon, Melissa Orlando, Heather Pomroy, LMS – Valerie Nettleton, LMHS – Jillian Cavanna, Virginia DeLong, Paula Hopkins, Scott Yeo. VOTING AYE: Melissa Hofmann, Lori Jahoda, Marisa Haralson, Donna Skaats. OPPOSED: Rene Wentworth, Keith Wentworth, Jim Mello. Motion passed.
2. Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Lori Jahoda to approve Revised Technology Plan. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by Keith Wentworth and seconded Melissa Hofmann to table the motion to close designated fields for summer use. Motion unanimously passed.
4. Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Donna Skaats to table the motion to approve lawn cutting contract. Motion unanimously passed.

- IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Freshman CAPT scores in the fall; addition of Executive Session to each meeting agenda; the process of choosing items for monthly agendas; supervision, liability, discipline and consequences; appropriate conduct at special observances reviewed in civics classes at curriculum subcommittee; Board of Ed Special Meeting on June 9; Finance Subcommittee meeting.

- X. Adjournment

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Keith Wentworth to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Bennett