

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
Regular Session – May 27, 2008

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: Chairman, Donna LaFontaine, Darcy Battye, Beth Damble, Rene Wentworth, Melissa Hofmann, Donna Skaats, Lori Jahoda, Keith Wentworth Hannah Frank, student representative

ABSENT: Jamie Bender

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS - Letter of resignation from Board of Ed member, Jamie Bender; Letter from Columbia Superintendent; Letter from Robert McGray, Superintendent to extend contract effective 7/1/08-7/1/11.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Donna Skaats to approve minutes of:

1. Regular Meeting – 4/29/08
2. Joint Finance /Budget Subcommittee & Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 4/29/08
Joint Finance /Budget Subcommittee & Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 5/7/08
Joint Finance /Budget Subcommittee & Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 5/15/08
Motion unanimously approved.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM – The Subcommittee met this evening to review math textbooks. The approval of the textbooks will be on the July agenda.

FINANCE/BUDGET – The Town Board of Finance has cut the Board budget an additional \$200,000 for a total reduction of \$300,000. A town meeting is scheduled for June 3rd and the budget referendum is scheduled for June 10th. A joint subcommittee meeting with facilities was held to discuss the high school baseball field. This is an Action Item.

GOALS – no report.

NEGOTIATIONS – no report.

POLICY - An Action Item for a policy draft is on tonight's agenda.

TRANSPORTATION – no report.

COMMUNICATIONS - no report.

VO-AG ADVISORY – Stephen Salisbury reported on the Lyman's participation in the National Standards for Agricultural Science program. The 5 communities will meet in St. Louis in July and 1 teacher from each community will attend.

PHYSICAL PLANT/FACILITIES – An Action Item for the baseball field is on tonight's agenda.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Academic Awards were held; Chorus concert held on May 7; Two weeks of AP testing have concluded; 230 students attended the Junior Prom at the Branford House, Avery Point; Mayfest was very successful; High School Band participated in the Parade ceremonies; Senior Project Awards on Thursday; Improv Show on Wednesday; girls' softball and boys' baseball teams are in the 1st round of tournament.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- The Academic Awards program was held on May 21st.
- The Middle School 7/8 grade band won a gold medal and 7/8 grade chorus won a silver medal at the Great East Music Festival.
- Student artwork and projects were recognized at Lyman's Mayfest.
- Special Education funding and it's impact will be discussed with local State Representatives and relief for towns.

2. NAEP Testing:

Lyman High School has been selected to have 12th grade students participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress also known as the "Nation's Report Card". Assessment testing for 12th grade students will begin in the spring.

3. Lunch Summary:

Mr. McGray provided a summary of the number of reimbursable lunches served last year and this year through March. The total number of lunches continues to remain the same. This is an Action Item to continue to participate in the Connecticut Nutrition Standards for 2008-2009.

4. School Readiness Grant:

Dr. Bonnie Hanna reported on the status of the grant. The School Readiness Council met on May 14th and have 19 participants which include parents, grandparents, daycare providers, preschool teachers, town librarian, kindergarten teachers. The Council will meet again on May 28th to discuss the desires of the group and focus on additional PreK seats, Kindergarten preparation, accreditation; and professional learning. An EastConn representative will present at the next meeting on May 28th.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Darcy Battye to approve the repair of the Varsity Baseball field at a cost up to \$31,000.00 and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to contract with a vendor.

VOTING AYE: Darcy Battye, Beth Damble, Rene Wentworth, Donna Skaats, Lori Jahoda, Keith Wentworth. OPPOSED: Melissa Hofmann. Motion passed.

2. Moved by Donna Skaats and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve compliance with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Keith Wentworth to approve the exclusion from compliance with the Connecticut National Standards the sale of food at school events occurring after the regular school day or weekend given that the sale is at the location of the event and the food is not sold by vending machine or school store. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Donna Skaats to approve the first reading of Policy 4117.3 Personnel Reduction in Force. Motion unanimously passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Possible dates for Retreat, June 14, 21 or 28; On June 10 the following subcommittees will meet: Facilities, Budget/Finance, Communications; "Closed" signs to be added to the middle school entrance to baseball field.

X. ADJOURNMENT –

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Rene Wentworth to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary