

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
Regular Session – March 25, 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, Vice-Chairman Jamie Bender (7:31p.m.), Darcy Battye, Beth Damble, Melissa Hofmann, Rene Wentworth, Donna Skaats, (7:34 p.m.), Lori Jahoda, Keith Wentworth

ABSENT: Hannah Frank, student representative

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS - Letters of resignation from Lynn Keleher and Erik Nielson; letter from parent regarding a classroom situation.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Stephen Salisbury, Principal at Lyman addressed the Board concerning the School Safety Subcommittee meeting and concerns at the High School. Miguel Garcia expressed concerns regarding the School Safety Subcommittee issues at Lyman and asked the Board to consider looking at the full budget when looking at potential reductions.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Beth Damble seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

1. Regular Meeting – 2/26/08
2. Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 2/26/08, Curriculum Subcommittee 2/26/08, Special Meeting – 3/10/08, Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 3/11/08 (correction: “data reviewed”), Policy Subcommittee – 3/11/08, Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 3/11/08 (add the word “bus” contract reviewed), Special Meeting (1) – 3/17/08, Special (2) – 3/17/08, Finance /Budget Subcommittee 3/19/08. Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM – The Subcommittee met and reviewed the Health textbooks/proposed curriculum and AP Chemistry course designation. Health is an Action Items this evening.

FINANCE/BUDGET – The Subcommittee has had several meetings with the Town Board of Finance; bus contracts discussed and reviewed cost impact by potential budget cuts.

GOALS – no report.

NEGOTIATIONS – no report.

POLICY - The Subcommittee met regarding school safety and an overview of safety measures; Resource Officer and principals presented on areas of school safety to be improved upon and which are currently in place; discussed grants to improve facilities.

TRANSPORTATION – Mal Leichter reported that a bridge on Oliver Road, near house #76, has been inspected by the Town’s engineer and though safe, the weight limit has been lowered which will not allow a bus to cross. Provisions have been made with the bus company and the families of the seven students affected. The work on the bridge will begin at the end of the school year and will be completed before school begins in the fall.

COMMUNICATIONS - no report.

VO-AG ADVISORY – Meeting postponed.

PHYSICAL PLANT/FACILITIES – The Subcommittee met and Mal Leichter reported on the computer service tracking system and how the data will be reviewed and prioritized.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT – no report.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- The Lyman Math Team qualified for state level competition for the first time and is scheduled to compete on April 3.
- The cooperative BCL hockey team played in the Division III state championship game.

2. Spring Events:

Sandy Simon, Principal at LES reported on the following upcoming events: 4th grade Chorus Concert was held this evening; April 2 – Invention Convention; April 10 – Arts Night beginning at 6:30; April 24 – Kindergarten Orientation; May 1 – Diabetes Walk; May 7 – Science Fair; May – 4th grade Arts Night; June 17th – 4th grade Promotion Ceremonies; 11 senior citizens attended computer classes at LES.

Robert Laskarzewski, Principal at LMS reported on the following upcoming events: 4th grade transition planning continues; 8th grade field to Washington is scheduled for April 8-11; 7th grade field trip (1 day) to New York City; 6th grade field trip to Higgins Armory; Spring sports are underway; Open House for 4th grade transition is scheduled for April 21 at 6:30 p.m.; 4th grade students will have an all-day visit at LMS; school safety lockdown drills have been conducted and were very successful.

Stephen Salisbury, Principal at Lyman, reported on the following upcoming events: AP testing begins in May; Awards and Scholarship Committee; Band/Chorus Concert; May Fest, Memorial Day Parade; lockdown drills; spring sports.

3. Mr. McGray reviewed potential budget reductions to be considered for a balanced budget across the board in the event the School Board's budget is reduced.
4. Glen Coutu, Chairman of the Building Committee presented on the current building project status at the Elementary and Middle Schools and issues that need further attention before final documents can be sent to the State for audit and reimbursement.
5. Bus Safety: A parent meeting on this topic will be scheduled the week of April 7th with representatives from the Bus Company, administrators and Board representatives.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Jaime Bender to accept the resignation of Lynn Keleher, Elementary School and Erik Nielson, High School English. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Moved by Keith Wentworth and seconded by Beth Damble to approve the Lyman graduation date of June 19, 2008. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Beth Damble to approve the bus contract extension. AYE: Donna Skaats, Beth Damble, Lori Jahoda, Jaime Bender, Darcy Battye, Melissa Hofmann; Nay: Keith Wentworth, Rene Wentworth. Motion passed.
4. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Jaime Bender to approve the Health & Safety Curriculum. AYE: Donna Skaats, Beth Damble, Lori Jahoda, Jaime Bender, Darcy Battye, Melissa Hofmann, Rene Wentworth; ABSTAIN: Keith Wentworth. Motion passed.
5. Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve the Health textbook. AYE: Donna Skaats, Beth Damble, Lori Jahoda, Jaime Bender, Darcy Battye, Melissa Hofmann, Rene Wentworth; ABSTAIN: Keith Wentworth. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – 1) Selection of a date for the Spring Board Retreat.

X. ADJOURNMENT –

Moved by Donna Skaats and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary