

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT

Regular Session – February 26, 2008

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman at 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Jamie Bender, Darcy Battye, Beth Damble, Melissa Hofmann, Donna Skaats, Lori Jahoda, Keith Wentworth, Hannah Frank, student representative

ABSENT: Chairman, Donna LaFontaine, Rene Wentworth

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS - Letter from Liz Charron, Town Board of Finance with schedule for budget Public Hearing; letter of resignation from Linda Long, Elementary School.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Beth Damble to approve minutes of:

1. Regular Meeting – 1/22/08
2. Special Meeting – 1/29/08; Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 1/22/08, Curriculum Subcommittee 1/22/08, Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 1/28/08, Transportation Subcommittee 2/13/08 Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM – The Subcommittee met this evening and discussed AP Chemistry with a presentation by Stephen Salisbury and K-12 Health/Wellness Curriculum presented by Dr. Hanna and committee members.

FINANCE/BUDGET – Approval of the budget is under Action Items for the Board's approval.

GOALS – no report.

NEGOTIATIONS – no report.

POLICY - no report.

TRANSPORTATION – A hearing was held.

COMMUNICATIONS - no report.

VO-AG ADVISORY – The Subcommittee met on January 30 and discussed: computer lab, bus, probation of students, 8th graders.

PHYSICAL PLANT/FACILITIES – The Subcommittee met and discussed: status of maintenance; changes to using specific work-order forms which are computerized for better tracking; new air conditioning unit which was covered under warranty.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – CAPT testing will begin next week; winter sports have concluded; under classmen will be plan for next year's schedule; Friday is the next deadline for Senior Project; Progress Reports will be sent out on Friday.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- CMT and CAPT testing will begin on March 3rd for grades 3-8 and conclude on March 31st.
- The Board of Finance Public Hearing will be held on March 20th. The Board of Ed will present to the Board of Finance on March 13th.
- Water issues at the High School have been cleared up after having tested positive for chloroform. An Inspection by the Dept. of Public Health was conducted on Monday and test results have come back negative.

2. Dr. Hanna presented to the Board after her recent attendance at the Commissioner's "Listening Tour" in Montville.
3. Sandye Simon, Principal at LES, spoke on her initiative to provide technology education to six Lebanon seniors, which will begin in March at 7:00 p.m.
4. Rob Laskarzewski, Principal at LMS, presented on the organization and structure for math at the Middle School and how each grade varies with interventions through math support club for 5th grade, homework club and tracking and problem solving through CMT scores.
5. The greenhouse at the Middle School has had heat reinstalled in the front portion and has been cleaned. Damage has occurred over the winter, which has caused several of the plastic roof sections to buckle. There may be issues with the old tracks that hold the panels The Multiage students will begin using the facility.
6. Sandye Simon and Rob Laskarzewski reviewed the transition process for fourth grade students transitioning into 5th grade at the Middle School. Peer Educators will visit the Elementary School students in March; a 4th grade concern sheet will be distributed; Open House is scheduled for April 21 at 6:30 p.m. for 4th grade students and parents to meet with staff, teachers and guidance; on April 25 and enrollment option form will be sent home to parents to choose from contemporary and/or multiage classroom.

Motion made by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Darcy Battye to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add Action Item #5 to accept the resignation of Linda Long. Motion unanimously passed.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1. Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Beth Damble to approve the proposed budget for the Lebanon Public Schools for the 2008-09 school year at \$16,905,520.00. Opposed: Melissa Hofmann. Motion passed.
2. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve Advanced Placement Chemistry at Lyman. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Donna Skaats to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar. Motion unanimously passed.
4. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve Special Education rates for tuition students. Motion unanimously passed.
5. Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Keith Wentworth to accept the resignation/retirement of Linda Long. Motion unanimously passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – 1) Early Childhood Committee 2) March 11 the following subcommittees will meet: Policy Subcommittee to discuss school safety; Facilities Subcommittee and Finance/Budget Subcommittee to discuss bus contract.

X. ADJOURNMENT –

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Darcy Battye to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary