

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

Regular Session – December 11, 2007

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 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Lafontaine, Chairperson, Jamie Bender, Darcy Battye, Rene Wentworth, Beth Damble, Melissa Hofmann, Donna Skaats (7:40 pm), Lori Jahoda, Hannah Frank, student representative

ABSENT: Darcy Battye, David Geligoff

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS - Letter of resignation from David Geligoff, Board Member.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

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

1. Regular Meeting – 11/27/07

2. Policy Subcommittee – 11/27/07, Finance Subcommittee – 11/27/07, Curriculum Subcommittee – 11/27/07

Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM –

FINANCE/BUDGET – Darcy Battye, Chairman of the Subcommittee is not present this evening. In her absence, it was noted that the subcommittee would begin meeting in January for budget purposes.

GOALS – no report.

NEGOTIATIONS – no report.

POLICY - The Subcommittee met this evening and heard a presentation from Stephen Salisbury on the college application process in regard to communications with parents on disciplinary matters.

TRANSPORTATION – no report.

COMMUNICATIONS - no report.

VO-AG ADVISORY – The recent Advisory Meeting was attended by Donna LaFontaine, parents of Ag students, local businesses as well as college representation.

PHYSICAL PLANT/FACILITIES – The Superintendent reported that the Track Building Committee held it's last meeting and will ask the 1st Selectman to dissolve the committee; School Building Committee is at it's final stages and has been addressing issues with the new boiler at the Elementary School and will continue to communicate with the contractors to resolve those issues; the doors at the Elementary School still continue to be a problem and will be addressed.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – A band performance took place on December 6th at the East Brook Mall; fall athletics have ended and winter sports have begun; Spirit Week began this week at Lyman and will conclude with a pep rally on Friday.

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- The National “Tools for Schools” conference for indoor air quality was attended by three teachers as well as Jody Walsh in Washington. This program began last year and a presentation to the Board will be made later this winter.
- The following students were presented with the Superintendent’s Award on November 26th:
Grade 8 – Kelly Pestey, John Ramotowski; Grade 12 – Christopher Czarnowski, Margaret Hayes.

- Mr. Salisbury presented to the Board on the consolidation of Level 2 and Level 3 classes to ensure that all students have equal access to the regular curriculum.
- Scott Elliott, Athletic Director presented on the direction of the program, a recap of the fall sports, the girls/boys soccer banquet, “Coach of the Year” at the State level was presented to Mr. Fabry, Mr. Morello and Assistant “Coach of the Year” was presented to Mr. Tedesco; recognition of 5 Allstate athletes; ECC Division – girls/boys soccer and girls volleyball were undefeated; condition of the baseball and softball fields needs improvements and the status of the scoreboards for Title 9 investigated.
- Margaret Hayes presented her senior project, which involved her participation in “Start Talk” program offered in Glastonbury over the summer where she studied Chinese language and culture. Her senior project also involved teaching what she learned to 10 Lyman students. Those students were also in attendance this evening and presented their work to the Board.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1.Moved by Jaime Bender and seconded by Beth Damble to approve the second reading of Policy #4125 School Volunteers and Administrative Guidelines. Opposed: Rene Wentworth. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Facilities: “Tools for Schools”,

lighting; Finance Subcommittee and budgets- January 8, 9; District Financial Report; bus contracts in January; Arts Magnet at Capitol Theater and other options outside of the district; X Block at Lyman.

X. ADJOURNMENT –

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary