

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

Regular Session – November 27, 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 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Donna Lafontaine, Chairperson, Jamie Bender, Darcy Battye, Rene Wentworth, Beth Damble, Melissa Hofmann, Donna Skaats, Lori Jahoda, David Geligoff, Hannah Frank, student representative

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

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD –

Donna LaFontaine, Chairman steps down and Jaime Bender, Vice-Chair opens the floor for Chairman nominations.

Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Beth Damble to nominate Donna LaFontaine as Chairman. With no further nominations, a motion is made by Darcy Battye and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to close the nominations. Motion unanimously passed. With no opposition Donna Lafontaine is elected Chairperson

The meeting is turned over to Donna LaFontaine, Chairperson and opens the floor for Vice-Chairperson nominations.

Moved by David Geligoff and seconded by Darcy Battye to nominate Donna Skaats as Vice-Chairperson.

Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to nominate Jaime Bender as Vice-Chairperson.

With no further nominations, a motion is made by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to close the nominations. Motion passed unanimously

Voting Aye for Donna Skaats: David Geligoff, Darcy Battye, Rene Wentworth, Donna Skaats.

Voting Aye for Jamie Bender: Melissa Hofmann, Jamie Bender, Lori Jahoda, Beth Damble. Donna Lafontaine voted aye to break tie.

Jaime Bender is elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Moved by Jaime Bender and seconded by Beth Damble to nominate Rene Wentworth as Secretary. With no further nominations, a motion is made by Darcy Battye and seconded by Jaime Bender to close the nominations. Motion unanimously passed. With no opposition Rene Wentworth is elected Secretary.

Board Members should forward their subcommittee interests/selections to Donna LaFontaine, Chairman at their earliest opportunity.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS - none.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Darcy Battye to approve minutes of:

1. Regular Meeting – 10/23/07
2. Policy Subcommittee – 10/23/07

Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CURRICULUM – The Subcommittee met this evening to discuss field trips. Dr. Bonna Hanna presented on the educational aspects relating to the field trips for grades 1-8 and funding. Discussion followed regarding

cost of trips and parents ability to contribute. The Administration will meet further to discuss alternative funding for those trips.

FINANCE/BUDGET – The Subcommittee met this evening to discuss preschool staff needs; copier lease; students from sending towns; fuel prices and bus contract.

GOALS – no report.

NEGOTIATIONS – no report.

POLICY - The Subcommittee met this evening to discuss School Volunteer Policy #4125 and administration guidelines that were developed. This evening is the first reading of the policy under Action Items.

TRANSPORTATION – no report.

COMMUNICATIONS - no report.

VO-AG ADVISORY – A meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th.

PHYSICAL PLANT/FACILITIES – Building construction renovations near completion; the track at Lyman has been completed and the Committee will meet on Thursday to close out the project; the well at the Middle school may have to be moved at a future date per the State's recommendation due to the distance to the drain lines.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Chorus concert was held which included individual performances; band/jazz concert to be held on December 6th and will also perform at the East Brook Mall and the Jr/Sr. Luncheon at the Firehouse on December 18th; fall athletics have commenced and winter sports have begun; the girls basketball team will have a scrimmage on Wednesday.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- Students from the FFA program presented on their 2007 National FFA Convention to Indiana. A total of 19 students from Lyman attended the convention for competitions in three major areas: Meat Science received a Bronze Medal; Dairy Foods received a Silver Medal and Farm Business Management received a Silver Medal. Brenda Mihaliak and Megan Leone, Ag Science teachers reported that at a recent Open House to upcoming 8th grade students, they received 65-70 pending applications for 9th grade enrollment into the program; future activities include an exchange program/visit to New York City for a review of their program; the greenhouse has been a success with a the sale of Thanksgiving floral arrangements raising \$900 sales.
 - Mal Leichter presented on the budget for Education Cost Sharing and reviewed the impacts and changes in revenue for the Special Education services. ECS will increase about \$230,000.00 next year
2. A presentation by Thomas Cronin, Director of Student Services at EASTCONN and Tracey Pelletier, ACT school counselor presented on the full-day magnet high school at ACT. There is currently a 9th and 10th grade pilot program for the full day academics with plans to expand to all students grades 9-12. The Board was presented handouts and was asked to review the matter for future discussion on the district's participation. There is potential financial impact on school districts related to whether they are participating districts or not.
 3. Maryanne Leichter, Director of Special Services presented on the Special Education Services in hours, for special education, counseling, OT, PT and Speech for students at each of the three schools.
 4. Sandye Simon, Principal at LES and Robert Laskarzewski, Principal at LMS and Carol Moore Assistant Principal at LMHS presented on the Strategic School Profile Reports for 2006-2007; the Superintendent presented a District Report.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve the copier lease agreement with Ikon Office Systems for a 5-year contract. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Rene Wentworth to approve the first reading of School Volunteer Policy #4125 and Administrative Guidelines. Voting Aye: Melissa Hofmann, David Geligoff,

Darcy Battye, Jaime Bender, Lori Jahoda, Beth Damble. Opposed: Rene Wentworth, Abstaining: Donna Skaats. Motion passed.

3. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve the first reading of Committee and Meeting Policy #9300 to change start time of meeting to 7:00 p.m. Opposed: David Geligoff, Darcy Battye, Donna Skaats. Abstaining: Melissa Hofmann, Rene Wentworth, Beth Damble, Lori Jahoda, Jaime Bender. Motion failed.

4. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve a half-time preschool teacher. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Moved by Beth Damble and seconded by Darcy Battye to authorize the superintendent to enter into a tuition agreement with area towns on a non-contractual basis to receive high school students at Lyman. Motion unanimously passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – December 11th is the next Regular Meeting and the Superintendent will present issues; possible presentation from Athletic Director.

X. ADJOURNMENT –

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Rene Wentworth to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary