

LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER  
August 8, 2017 REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.  
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:     Albert Vertefeuille, Chairman  
              James Mello, Vice Chairman  
              Sandra Tremblay, Secretary

Stephen Nelson  
Bert Bosse

ABSENT:     Keith Wentworth, Mary Ellen Wieczorek, Nicole McGillicuddy, Jason Nowosad

ALSO PRESENT:     Superintendent of Schools Robert Angeli, Robert Sirpenski, Business Manager

I.     CALL TO ORDER

Albert Vertefeuille called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.    COMMUNICATION

1. Letter of resignation  
Superintendent Angeli read the letter of resignation from Stacy Parla, LES Administrative Secretary.

III.   PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – BYLAWS OF THE BOARD #9300

Public participation – 30 minutes; Individual speaker – 2 minutes  
None

IV.    CONSENT AGENDA/DISCUSS AND ACT UPON

- A. Approval of minutes
  1. Regular meeting – 7/11/17
  2. Budget Transfers  
Motion made by S. Nelson and seconded by J. Mello to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

V.     REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Finance/Budget Subcommittee – no report
2. Communications Subcommittee – no report
3. Curriculum Subcommittee – no report
4. Transportation/Residency Subcommittee
5. Goals/Strategic Planning Subcommittee – no report
6. Negotiations Subcommittee – S. Tremblay reported that there is now a union representative. It is hoped to move quickly as possible. Superintendent Angeli noted that because it is one month past the present contract, a letter has been received from the State Department of Labor that an arbitrator will be chosen. It was suggested that the bill for the arbitrator not be split between the union and the Board. B. Bosse commented that the lateness of negotiations beginning is not the fault of the Board. Superintendent Angeli will discuss with Board attorney.

VI.    REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. New Hires  
Superintendent Angeli reported that two art positions have been filled; Nicole Sieczkowski, .8 at the elementary school, and Jennifer Tully, .8 at the middle school. They will both be .2 at the high school. Administrative secretary – Sonia Hartnett.

Patricia Niemann .2 French at the middle school. Spanish, Maria Sokola at the high school. Emily DiMuro band teacher at the high school. This leaves 3 instructional assistant vacancies. There is a pool for candidates.

2. 2016-2017 Budget

Superintendent Angeli reported that approximately \$440,000.00 will be given back to the Town. This amount includes one month insurance premium. Special Education accounts were not as high as anticipated, and more funds were received in Excess Costs. R. Sirpenski reported that most invoices have been closed out. There is still more library furniture to be delivered. The ED001 has been started. Superintendent Angeli will be sending a letter to Liz Charron to request that 1% of this amount be placed into the Board's non-lapsing account. More funds were received for out of district tuition than expected. There also were additional revenues that were received. J. Mello questioned the inventory error. R. Sirpenski noted that they have been meeting monthly with Chartwells.

3. 2017-2018 Budget

Superintendent Angeli noted that the district is spending money to be ready for the new school year. Still waiting for a Town budget. Discussion of lack of State and Town budgets. The ECS funds are usually received in October.

4. Update on solar projects

The solar project at the elementary school has begun. LMS will begin shortly. Anchors on part of the LMS roof will be installed through the roof.

Superintendent Angeli noted changes to the PPA for the solar project. If the solar panels are removed for other than an emergency, the PPA will be extended. The letter from Ben Healey, Connecticut Green Bank, was discussed. The multiplier in the PPA needs to be adjusted. Earthlight has met with the principals at the elementary and middle schools.

5. LES PTA volunteers/donation

Superintendent Angeli reported that the LES PTA has established two gardens at the school. N. McGillicuddy organized the work. Flowers were donated by Kristen's Country Greenhouse.

6. Building Walk through

Superintendent Angeli noted there will be walk building walk troughs prior to the start of school with Kevin French and the superintendent. The dates are either August 22 or 23. Board members are welcome to attend. They will start at 9:00 a.m. at the high school. Let the superintendent know if you are interested.

The snow and ice removal contract has been discussed with Betsy Petrie and Liz Charron. The contract will be going out to bid. It was agreed that the Town will fund the contract but the work of managing the contract will be up to the Board. The Town has some snow blowers that may be used.

Superintendent Angeli reported that he had researched the issue of lights in the parking lots at the schools staying on all night. They are on schedules that go on and off at different times. Security pictures were shown for the time the lights were off. On weekend days they go off earlier as scheduled.

## VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Homeschooled children

Superintendent Angeli reported that he had contacted the Board attorney who is not aware of any statute that would allow homeschooled students to participate in the district. They have no right to dual enrollment. A policy from the Board would have to be developed. Discussion of costs per pupil and the cost of home schoolers. Superintendent Angeli reported he had also contacted a superintendent group via e-mail. One local superintendent had responded that in his former out of state district, homeschoolers had been allowed to audit classes. Another superintendent said home schoolers are allowed

textbooks. The Board attorney offered to do research of Connecticut statutes and policies. There have been requests from home schooled families for participation.

2. Rules of the Board

Superintendent Angeli noted that one page of information was received today from CABE. The information obtained from other resources was reviewed. A. Vertefeuille suggested all Board members attend a workshop or retreat. S. Tremblay suggested waiting until after the election in November, as there will be new Board members. B. Bosse noted that throughout the information provided there was an emphasis on not going solo. S. Tremblay suggested a do's and don'ts document, and those that are habitually abused. There is no authority as an individual member of the Board. Consensus to wait until new Board is elected.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Accept letter of resignation

Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by J. Mello to accept with regret the resignation of Stacy Parla. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve changes to PPA for LES and LMS solar projects

Motion made by J. Mello and seconded by S. Tremblay to approve changes to the PPA for the LES and LMS solar projects as presented by the superintendent. Discussion that the contract will not be affected unless elective work is done to the panels. Emergency repairs will not affect the contract. Discussion of the multiplier used. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by J. Mello to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathleen E. Chapman

Board Clerk