

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Darcy Battye, Chairperson Stephen Nelson
Sandra Tremblay, Secretary James Mello
Donna Skaats Judd Wardell
Keith Wentworth

ABSENT: Lori Jahoda

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Janet Tyler, James Apicelli, LMHS, Principal, Ann Birrell, LMHS Assistant Principal, Robert Laskarzewski, LMS Principal Andrew Gonzalez, LES Principal, Anne Axton-Jones, Director of Curriculum, Cheryl Biekert, Director of Pupil Services, Kevin French, Facilities Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Darcy Battye called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

James Mello nominated Stephen Nelson for Vice Chairman. Judd Wardell nominated Sandra Tremblay for Vice Chairman. Votes were cast by paper ballot for the nominees. Result; Stephen Nelson elected as Vice Chairman.

III. COMMUNICATION

I. Letter of resignation

Shaun Liebskind, World Language Teacher (French)

Darcy Battye has also received communication from State Sen. Cathy Osten regarding transportation to magnet schools.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – BYLAWS OF THE BOARD #9300

Public participation – 30 minutes; Individual speaker – 2 minutes

Mr. Nour Jalal spoke regarding his daughter being transported to a magnet school to ACT Magnet School. He wants to know why this was discontinued.

Donna Skaats called a point of order noting that the Public Participation portion of the meeting is for comments only, it is not a question and answer period.

Mrs. Kiersten Westbrook questioned the busing of students to the ACT school in Windham ct. She had spoken to Eastconn regarding this issue. She has also contacted the State Board of Education. Her child also was only transported for a couple of days. Mrs. Westbrook noted the precedent that was set in the previous year. The information provided during the application process stated that busing would be provided.

Mr. Charles Westbrook is also concerned with busing to magnet schools. Students walking on Rt. 87 and Rt. 207 is dangerous according to the Board of Education policy. Why are the children being treated differently than other children. A resolution is needed to this busing issue. Mr. Westbrook suggested the Board of Education discuss this issue with Superintendent Tyler and the right thing be done.

V. CONSENT AGENDA/DISCUSS AND ACT UPON

A. Approval of minutes

1. Regular Meeting – 8/13/13
Special Meeting – 8/19/13

Motion by Stephen Nelson to approve the minutes of 8/13/13 (Regular Meeting) and 8/19/13 (Special Meeting), seconded by Keith Wentworth.

Vote: All in favor: 5 yes, 1 abstention, Keith Wentworth. Motion passes.

B. Approve Out of State Field Trips

Motion by Steve Nelson to approve Out of State Field Trips, seconded by Keith Wentworth. Discussion was had on time frame for FFA trip.

Vote: All in favor: 5 yes, 1 opposed – Donna Skaats. Motion passes.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Facilities Subcommittee

James Mello reported on the facilities Subcommittee Meeting that was held tonight prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting. Items discussed were snow and ice removal bids, fencing and repairs, gate replacement, varsity baseball fence replacement, SIP overview, cranks/windows at LMHS, energy audit.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. Introduction of new Administrator

Superintendent Tyler introduced Ms. Anne Axton-Jones, Director of Curriculum.

2. Opening of School

Superintendent Tyler reported that the opening of school went well, it was a positive start. General Music was added at the Middle School. Students are enjoying it as noted by Principal Laskarzewski.

3. District Initiatives

The new teacher evaluation system was discussed. There have been two professional development days in this regard. There is also a goal is to have electronic testing this year and use the Smarter Balance Test. There is a Webinar tomorrow for teachers and administrators.

4. CMT/CAPT Presentation

Performance analyses were given by Principal Gonzalez, Principal Laskarzewski, and Principal Apicelli. Each school's performance on the CMT/CAPT were discussed in detail by each principal. Analysis was compared for three years, and four years at LMHS. The DRG comparisons were discussed. Most of the scores at each school are above state goals. This coming year will be completely different tests. Anne Axton-Jones, Director of Curriculum gave a presentation on the Common Core expectations. There are goal performance standards and students will need to be active and engaged. Twenty five links have been e-mailed to district teachers on how to incorporate these goals.

5. Facilities Overview

Kevin French discussed the projects that were completed over the summer including installation of cameras, swipe card system, emergency power upgrades, hazardous waste removal, installation of bathroom partitions, repairs in bathrooms, replacing floor tiles, painting, tree trimming, replacing shades and blinds. Mr. French noted the custodians did an awesome job getting the projects completed.

6. Enrollment

Enrollment figures were discussed by Superintendent Tyler. It was suggested by Sandra Tremblay that a report be generated which included all students the district is responsible for including magnet, technical.

7. 2013-2014 Budget

Superintendent Tyler noted there will be a more detailed analysis next month. Stephen Nelson suggested a breakdown of the supply line items. Darcy Battye suggested to have an in depth quarterly analysis on some items.

8. Franklin Public Schools Potential Partnership Update

Superintendent Tyler reported that reader friendly information was prepared. There is a video also being worked on about the positives of the school district. Franklin has applied for funds for a Community Conversations. Darcy Battye noted that Franklin was told if there is anything else we can provide, we will.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

DICUSS AND ACT UPON

1. Approve LMHS Varsity Baseball Fence Installation Fee

Motion made by James Mello to approve proposal from Fencemen for \$4,625.00 to install fencing on the LMHS Varsity Baseball field, seconded by Sandra Tremblay.

Vote: all in favor: 5 yes, 1 opposed Keith Wentworth. Motion passes.

2. Approve LMHS fence repairs and LMS Gate Replacement Fee

Motion made by James Mello to approve proposal from Fencemen for LMHS fence repairs and LMS Gate Replacement for \$4,575, seconded by Sandra Tremblay.

Vote: All in favor: 5 yes, 1 opposed Keith Wentworth. Motion passes.

3. Award Snow and Ice Control Services

Kevin French reported that there were two bids received. Discussion of what was spent on snow and ice control last year.

Motion by James Mello to award the contract for snow and ice control services to Earthworm Landscape and Septic in the amount of \$51,495.00 was made, seconded by Sandra Tremblay.

Vote: 6 yes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Appoint Board of Education Member

Motion by Stephen Nelson to appoint a Board of Education Member who would serve until the November election, seconded by Sandra Tremblay.

Discussion on appointing someone so close to election. James Mello noted we should do what's best for the educational system. Discussion of past practice. Sandra Tremblay distributed information from State Statutes 10-219 regarding procedure for filling vacancy on local board of education.

Vote: All in favor 2 yes, James Mello, Stephen Nelson, no, 3, Sandra Tremblay, Judd Wardell, Keith Wentworth. Donna Skaats abstained. Motion fails.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation

Motion made by Stephen Nelson to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the Superintendent Evaluation and to invite Superintendent Tyler at 9:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Superintendent Evaluation, seconded by Sandra Tremblay.

Vote: All in favor: 6 yes. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular session at 10:02

X. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

**Transportation subcommittee needs to meet
LMHS AP Scores**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Donna Skaats made a motion to adjourn. Judd Wardell seconded

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

Kathleen E. Chapman
Board Clerk