

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
August 14, 2018 REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:	Jason Nowosad, Chairman Bert Bosse, Vice Chairman Maureen McCall Al Vertefeuille	William Meese, Secretary Alexis Margerelli-Hussey Dawn Whitcher
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ABSENT: Sarah Haynes, (8:40 p.m.) Keith Wentworth

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Robert Angeli, Robert Sirpenski, Business Manager, Sabena Escott, Social Worker, Virginia DeLong, School Counselor, Michelle Firestone, Willimantic Chronicle

I. CALL TO ORDER

J. Nowosad called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. COMMUNICATION

1. Letters of resignation
Superintendent Angeli read letters of resignation from the following staff; Roseanne Coffey, Matthew Kansler, Kristin Ortegon, Catherine Robacker. J. Nowosad read a letter from K. Wentworth that he is resigning from the Board immediately. A. Vertefeuille is resigning from the Board effective tomorrow. B. Bosse is anticipating resigning within a few weeks. He will submit his letter of resignation. J. Nowosad thanked both Board members for their service. Superintendent Angeli thanked them for their insights and help.

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. Physical Plant/Facilities – 6/12/18
 2. Regular Meeting – 6/12/18
 3. Strategic Plan/Goals/Communications – 7/9/18
 4. Budget Transfers

Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by A. Margerelli Hussey to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

D. Whitcher reported that the Strategic Plan/Goals/Communications had met this evening. They are making their way through the Annual Report.

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. Connecticut Networks of Care for Suicide Prevention Grant

The superintendent introduced S. Escott and V. DeLong. A committee was formed last year, and they applied for a grant from United Way. The grant outline and time frame was distributed. Lebanon has been awarded \$20,000.00 over a two year time frame. The last three years have been difficult. The Task Force met in June. S. Escott reviewed the work done so far. There will be comprehensive programs in all three schools. They are open to ideas. The activities they are hoping to accomplish were reviewed. Data will be collected. They are going to training on September 13th. It is hoped to work with the community and within the schools. S. Escott and V. DeLong were thanked for their work. D. Whitcher noted the lack of consistency, and feels this is the right approach for the district. A crisis plan needs to be done. Screening tools were discussed for each school level. W. Meese would like to hear at the end of the school year how the program went. A. Margerelli-Hussey noted the great job that was done, and wondered if the Resource Officer would be involved. S. Escott responded yes, they would. They have also spoken to the Resident Trooper, and he will be participating. The superintendent thanked them for their efforts.

2. New Hires

The superintendent reported the following are new hires; Deb Ladouceur, Kristen Krause, Erin Paradis, Carlos Rivera, Chantal Fauteux, Taryn Olin, Joshua Sayer, Rebecca Masse, Chelsea Williams. Openings – half time OT, special education teacher at the high school. There will be no full time chef manager this year for Chartwells. Carlos Vera Cruz will be the chef this year. There were three candidates for the SRO position that were interviewed by the superintendent, First Selectman Betsy Petrie, Principal Laskarzewski and Resident Trooper Konow. It is hoped the person will be selected prior to the start of the school year. The waiver process for the MOU was explained. D. Whitcher questioned the staffing in kindergarten. The superintendent explained that the new website did not carry over all the correct information. It will be corrected. W. Meese questioned if the list of duties and responsibilities will be reviewed by the Board prior to it being enacted. The superintendent noted this has been discussed with J. Nowosad. In previous meeting minutes it was noted that the superintendent will work with the First Selectmen. No Board action to be taken. The SRO will be a Town employee. The MOU will be a public document. B. Bosse noted the final decision will be made by the Board of Selectmen. D. Whitcher questioned how the SRO will be introduced to the schools. The superintendent responded that he hopes at the beginning of the school year at convocation. There will be communication to families. A police uniform is not anticipated.

3. Greenhouse Update

The frame is in place. The stone work was completed a couple of weeks ago. Last week was the build. Jeffry Stober the Eagle Scout candidate had several volunteers work on the project. There also were volunteers from Eversource. Pride's Corner picked up the greenhouse in New Hampshire saving shipping. A new propane tank will be needed to heat the greenhouse.

4. Wind Turbine

It has been removed. Earthlight arranged for removal. The concrete pad is still there. The shed will be repurposed.

5. Building Walk Through August 22
The walk through will begin at the high school. Each building should take 45-60 minutes. Board members are invited to the walk through.
6. The cell phone tower is working its way through Verizon. It could take several months.
7. The Rt. 207 traffic signs have been approved by the DOT. We are waiting on an installation date.

VII. FINANCE REPORT

1. 2017-2018 Budget
R. Sirpenski reported that the Town Auditor will be visiting on September 10th. Purchase orders are still being reviewed. It is expected to have a surplus of approximately \$15,000.00.
2. 2018-2019 Budget
This is the first month of the new fiscal year. Workers compensation and liability insurance were less than expected. The first health insurance bill has not been received. R. Sirpenski is working with the Town Finance Director. Medicare billing generated a little over \$2,000.00 in two months. This will be budgeted as revenue next year. A letter has been received that the ASTE funding was increased. Not sure if it goes to the Board or the Town, but must be spent on ASTE at Lyman.

VIII. DISCUSS

1. Discuss recording of BOE meetings
This has not been discussed at the committee level yet. The committee needs to discuss the logistics.

IX. DISCUSS/ACT ON

1. Letters of resignation
Motion made by M. McCall and seconded by W. Meese to accept the resignation of Rosanne Coffey with regret. Motion passed with A. Margerelli-Hussey not voting.

Motion made by M. McCall and seconded by B. Bosse to accept with regret the resignation of Matthew Kansler with regret. J. Nowosad noted he had done a great job with the band. Motion passed with A. Margerelli-Hussey not voting.

Motion made by M. McCall and seconded by B. Bosse to accept with regret the resignation of Kristin Ortegon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by M. McCall and seconded by A. Vertefeuille to accept with regret the resignation of Catherine Robacker. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Act on custodian contract
Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by W. Meese to enter into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of acting on the custodian contract, and to include the Superintendent. Motion passed unanimously.

Return to Regular Session at 8:53 p.m.

Motion made by B. Bosse and seconded by A. Vertefeuille to approve the custodial contract for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by A. Vertefeuille and seconded by B. Bosse to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Kathleen E. Chapman

Board Clerk