

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
November 23, 2010
REGULAR MEETING SESSION

The Chairman will vote only to make or break a tie.

PRESENT: Donna Lafontaine, Chairman, Darcy Battye, Keith Wentworth, James Mello, Melissa Hofmann, Sandra Tremblay, Donna Skaats, Deanna Kokoszka, Vanessa Gray, student representative

ABSENT: Lori Jahoda

ALSO PRESENT: Janet Tyler, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Rob Laskarzewski, Stephen Salisbury, Carol Moore, Maryanne Leichter, Mal Leichter

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE – A presentation by FFA/Ag-Science students, Heidi Rechlin, Kelly Pestey, Renee Schulz, accompanied by Mrs. Wildes, on their recent accomplishments at the FFA Nationals in Indianapolis in which they received a Silver and Gold medal in Dairy Handling and Dairy Foods. The students explained current Ag programs and are sponsoring an upcoming Blood Drive.

IV. BOARD REORGANIZATION: D. Lafontaine announced that she will be stepping down as Board Chairman, a seat she has held for 5 years. D. Lafontaine turns the seat over to D. Battye, Vice Chairman for the Board Reorganization. A copy of the *General Organization* policy was provided to Board members.

CHAIRMAN: D. Battye, Vice Chairman opens the floor for nominations for Chairman: K. Wentworth nominates J. Mello; S. Tremblay nominates M. Hofmann. The vote was conducted by paper ballot. M. Hofmann is new Chairman of the Board with a vote of 4/3.

VICE CHAIRMAN: M. Hofmann, Chairman opens the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. S. Tremblay nominates D. Battye. With no further nominations, the vote is unanimous to appoint D. Battye as Vice Chairman.

SECRETARY: M. Hofmann, Chairman opens the floor for nominations for Secretary. S. Tremblay nominates J. Mello. With no further nominations, the vote is unanimous to appoint J. Mello as Secretary.

Standing Subcommittee Assignments Input form was provided to members and Board reorganization to follow later in the meeting.

V. COMMUNICATIONS – Letter from CABA in recognition of D. Battye's 10 years of service and commitment to the Board with a recognition luncheon; letter of resignation from D. Lafontaine to J. Tyler, Superintendent dated 11/16/10.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

1. Miguel Garcia, President of LEA thanked D. Lafontaine for her years of service as Chairman of the Board, congratulated new officers and looks forward to future working relationship.
2. Ron Cowles, resident, inquired into recent work performed at Lyman and an electrical permit pulled by an E2 licensed electrical contractor rather than an E1 electrical contractor putting the Building Official in jeopardy.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA –

A. Approval of minutes –

1. Regular Meeting – 10/26/10
Moved by D. Lafontaine and seconded by J. Mello to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Finance/Budget Subcommittee - 10/22/10; Communications Subcommittee - 10/26/10; Policy Subcommittee - 10/26/10, Special Session 11/4/10, Finance/Budget Subcommittee - 11/9/10, Special Session 11/9/10.
Moved by D. Lafontaine and seconded by S. Tremblay to approve the subcommittee minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES -

1. Finance/Budget – The Subcommittee had several meetings to discuss auditor's notes, monthly budget review papers and is working with the Chairman of the Board of Finance and communicating these documents.

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - 11/19/10 and 11/20/10 Talent Show, fall sports has ended and students will winter sports soon, National Honor Society inductions were held this evening.

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS - Ms. Simon, Mr. Laskarzewski and Mr. Salisbury provided highlights from their November Administrator's report and Ms. Leichter, Director of Special Education Services provided highlights from her November report.

XI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT/POSSIBLE ACTION -

1. Enrollment as of 11/17/10: LES 486, LMS 401, LMHS 524
2. Life Insurance - A representative from MetLife Insurance Company will be on site in January to provide information. This information will be shared with the M. Garcia, President of LEA and will share information with LEA.
3. Transportation - The Superintendent has met with a representative of First Student Bus Company regarding the use of building space behind the middle school. First Student Bus Company has agreed they will provide for a separate electric meter for the electricity including heat. They currently pay for their phone use. The Superintendent will obtain this agreement in writing.
4. Budget 2010-2011 - Distributed.
5. School Construction Reimbursement - The paperwork to request approximately \$900,000 in reimbursement money will be sent shortly pending several signatures. The State audit could take up to 12 months from October and the final dollar figure for reimbursement is determined by their auditors.
6. Grant Opportunity - National Science Foundation, a 5 year grant up to \$500,000 for science/technology with a focus on education for learning technology. S. Simon requests permission to write a grant for LES, there is no in-kind match, only feedback on the technology is required.

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by J. Mello to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add an Action Item for approval for National Science Foundation Grant writing by S. Simon, Principal, LES. Motion unanimously passed.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded D. Skaats to approve second reading of Family Violence Leave policy #4151.71. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Moved by D. Battye and seconded by K. Wentworth to approve second reading of Graduation Requirements policy #6146. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by D. Lafontaine and seconded by J. Mello to approve second reading of Distance Learning policy #6172.6. Motion unanimously passed.
4. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by D. Battye to approve first reading of Social Networking policy # 4118.51 and #4218.51. Motion failed with no votes.
5. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by D. Battye to approve first reading of Online Social Networking policy #6141.326. Motion failed with no votes.
6. Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by D. Lafontaine to approve application for National Science Foundation Grant for LES. Motion unanimously passed.

Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by D. Lafontaine to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:57 p.m. and enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations. Motion unanimously passed.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 1) Negotiations. Executive Session was called to order at p.m.

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by K. Wentworth to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. and return to the Regular Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

XV. ADJOURNMENT –

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by K. Wentworth to adjourn the Regular Meeting Session at 9:40 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary