

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

October 26, 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, Lori Jahoda, Sandra Tremblay, Donna Skaats, Deanna Kokoszka, Vanessa Gray, student representative

ALSO PRESENT: Janet Tyler, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Rob Laskarzewski, Stephen Salisbury, Carol Moore, Maryanne Leichter, Mal Leichter, Jerome Walsh

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 – Middle School Peer Educators, Emerson Flannery, James Gillespie, Josh Kaplan, Abby Klein, Annalee Kohn, Erica Landry, James Mello, Amanda Minicucci, Emily Searles, Blake Smith and Mr. Barlow, 7th grade Social Studies teacher and advisor were honored. The students received certificates. These 7th and 8th grade students are trained mediators reaching out to students to assist with problem solving, conflict resolution and disputes. Their theme slogan is "Tie up your problems, Converse with us". They are role models for Elementary and Middle School students and sponsor Red Ribbon Week, school dances and other school activities.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS – Letter from Recreation Commission regarding donation of volleyball equipment to the middle school.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

1. Ron Cowles, resident, inquiring into the operation of the wind turbine; concerns with general accounting principals, line item transfers and verbal authorizations for expenditures; overseeing of account balances; and bookkeeping responsibilities.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA –

A. Approval of minutes –

1. Regular Meeting – 9/28/10

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by M. Hofmann to approve the minutes as presented. Abstaining: S. Tremblay. Motion passed.

2. Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 9/28/10, Policy Subcommittee - 10/12/10; Curriculum Subcommittee - 10/12/10; Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee - 10/12/10; Special Meeting - 10/19/10.

Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve the subcommittee minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Communications - the subcommittee met and discussed: 1) meeting with

representatives at LMHS for role of Board of Education, Superintendent and Subcommittees and ways to improve communications with BOE and students; the role of BOE student representative, Vanessa Gray and Stephen Salisbury, Principal. 2) Alert Now announcements by Sandye Simon for important reminders within the district.

2. Finance/Budget – the subcommittee met and discussed: 1) procedures for Guidelines for Purchasing with new updates including deadlines and authorizations. 2) Budget status report. 3) Public Input Session scheduled for 7:00 p.m., October 27th at LMHS
3. Negotiations – teacher contract to be discussed in Executive Session.
4. Physical Plant/Facilities – The Subcommittee met on 10/12/10 in preparation for a Board of Finance meeting on 10/14/10 regarding snow removal for the district. The BOF will put the snow removal contract out to bid for the 3 schools.
5. Policy - 1st reading of several policies under Action Items tonight; the subcommittee reviewed 2 social networking policies for students/teachers to be presented to the Board for 1st reading at the November Regular Meeting.

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Miss Lyman; Homecoming Dance; Halloween dance; wind turbine; Cross Country 1st Place goes to Dan Fields; volleyball 10/30/10; Swimming 1st win; Lyman hosting ECC Soccer Tournament next week; FFA National Convention silver medal winners.

IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS - October reports were provided by Administrators.

X. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. Enrollment: LES 482 (as of 10/19/10); LMS 401 (as of 10/19/10); LMHS 525 (as of 10/19/10)
2. Review AP and SAT Scores: A presentation by Stephen Salisbury, LMHS Principal on SAT Scores 2007-2010; 2007-2010 Advance Placement Testing Results; 2010 AP Scores.
3. Snow plowing: The specs were reviewed by Jody Walsh, Tom Conley, First Selectman, Joyce Okonuk with bid opening on November 2nd at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Board of Selectman meeting. 10 interested bidders were provided a walk-thru of the schools.

XI. NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Moved by D. Battye and seconded L. Jahoda for approval to close out LES/LMS and VOAG building projects. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to Revise Authorized Signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by M. Hofmann to approve first reading of Family Violence Leave policy #4131. Motion unanimously passed.
4. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve first reading of Graduation Requirements policy #6146. Motion unanimously passed.
5. Moved by L. Jahoda and seconded by D. Skaats to approve first reading of Distance Learning policy #6172.6. Motion unanimously passed.
6. Transportation - Discussion regarding occupancy of portable office unit behind LMS by First Student Bus Company dispatchers. The Superintendent will review possible alternative office space in order to minimize energy costs and will report

back to the board.

Moved by L. Jahoda and seconded by D. Battye to enter and enter into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss negotiations. Motion unanimously passed.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 1) Negotiations

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by J. Mello to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and return to the Regular Meeting. Motion unanimously passed.

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve the Teacher's 2011-2014 contract. OPPOSED: K. Wentworth, M. Hofmann ABSTAINING: D. Kokoszka Motion passed.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

XIV. ADJOURNMENT Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by S. Tremblay to adjourn the Regular Meeting Session at 9:50 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary