

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
July 27, 2010
REGULAR MEETING SESSION

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

PRESENT: Donna LaFontaine, Chairman, Darcy Battye, Keith Wentworth, Donna, Skaats (8:37 p.m.), James Mello, Melissa Hofmann, Lori Jahoda, Sandra Tremblay, Deanna Kokoszka

ALSO PRESENT: Janet Tyler, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Maryanne Leichter, Stephen Salisbury, Jerome Walsh, representatives from EMCOR.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 p.m. Greetings to Janet Tyler, Superintendent and thank-you to Sandye Simon, Acting Superintendent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS – none.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- Don Spooner, maintenance, questioned the cost savings on hiring outside maintenance; expressed lack of communication between teachers and custodians; questioned whether quality of work an issue; expressed lack of a maintenance meeting in past 3 years.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of minutes

1. Regular Meeting – 6/22/10
2. Special Meeting – 6/9/10, Finance/Budget Subcommittee- 6/17/10, Communication Subcommittee – 6/22/10, Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 6/22/10, Physical Plant/Facilities Subcommittee – 7/19/10

Moved by M. Hoffman and seconded by J. Mello to approve the consent agenda.. ABSTAINING: K. Wentworth. Motion passed

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Curriculum – no report.
2. Finance/Budget – no report.
3. Goals – no report.
4. Negotiations – Actively working on negotiations.
5. Policy – 2nd readings of several items on under Action Items.
6. Transportation/Resident – no report.
7. Communications – no report
8. Vo-Ag Advisory – no report.
9. Physical Plant/Facilities – The Subcommittee met this evening to discuss: 1) Consideration of EMCOR maintenance proposal; 2) Summer maintenance is ahead of schedule; 3) LMHS gym floor work is moving along.
10. Student Representative – Appointment of new student representative under Action Items.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. Updates: During the month of July, the Acting Superintendent responded to community calls; ordered supplies to begin the new school year; responded to a grievance regarding bumping of non-tenured teachers which was dropped; end-of-year budget monies; met with administration to discuss location of new smart boards and computers.

2. Multiage Update: At the end of the school year there were nine 5th grade students enrolled in the multiage program. That number has dropped to six 5th grade students. Therefore, these 6 students will be combined with the current 6th grade multiage class and the taught by Mrs. Morehouse (MD); Mr. Reynolds will move to traditional 5th grade and teach math for multiage students.
3. Jody Walsh updated the Board on summer maintenance – painting, grounds keeping, weeding flower beds, wind mill will have wire pulled; new well at LMS has been dug and will be treated, the old well will be used to irrigate the back field; high school heater. All work to be completed by the end of summer and projects are ahead of schedule. Arrangements will be made with the superintendent to take a tour of the grounds.
4. Budget Update: The 2009/2010 budget has been closed out. The dollar figures for 2010/2011 are being inputted into system. A new format of the budget summary will be provided at the next month's meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded K. Wentworth to approve second reading of Search and Seizure Policy #5145.12. VOTING IN FAVOR: S. Tremblay, L. Jahoda, K. Wentworth, D. Battye, D. Skaats, J. Mello, D. Kokoszka. OPPOSED: M. Hofmann. Motion passed.
2. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by K. Wentworth to approve second reading of Superintendent job description #2111. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by D. Battye and seconded by D. Skaats to approve application of the Primary Mental Health Program Grant. Motion unanimously passed.
4. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to consider and act on EMCOR maintenance position proposal for 2010/2011 school year. VOTING IN FAVOR: S. Tremblay, L. Jahoda, K. Wentworth, D. Battye, J. Mello, M. Hofmann. ABSTAINING: D. Skaats, D. Kokoszka. Motion passed.
Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add Action Item #8 - Elimination of 2 maintenance positions. VOTING IN FAVOR: S. Tremblay, L. Jahoda, K. Wentworth, D. Battye, J. Mello, M. Hofmann. ABSTAINING: D. Skaats, D. Kokoszka. Motion passed.
5. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by D. Kokoszka to eliminate the Social Studies position held by Scott Yeo at the high school. VOTING IN FAVOR: K. Wentworth, D. Battye, J. Mello, D. Kokoszka. OPPOSED: L. Jahoda, M. Hofmann, ABSTAINING: D. Skaats, S. Tremblay Motion passed.
6. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve the appointment of BOE Student Representative, Vanessa Gray. Motion unanimously passed.
7. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to consider and act on school lunch prices for the 2010-2011 school year. VOTING IN FAVOR: S. Tremblay, D. Battye, D. Skaats, D. Kokoszka. OPPOSED: J. Mello, M. Hofmann, L. Jahoda, K. Wentworth. The Chairman broke the tie by opposing the vote. Motion defeated.
8. Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by L. Jahoda to eliminate 2 maintenance positions. VOTING IN FAVOR: S. Tremblay, L. Jahoda, K. Wentworth, D. Battye, M. Hofmann, D. Skaats, J. Mello ABSTAINING: D. Kokoszka. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – 1) Consideration of BOE meetings to 2x/month; 2) Documentation on end-of-year spending for purchase of school year supplies; 3) Review and consider Report of Committees to consist of 4 standing committees 4) Food Service Director to present cafeteria program to Board of Education.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by M. Hofmann to adjourn the Regular Meeting Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary