

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER  
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT  
March 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, Lori Jahoda, Sandra Tremblay, Deanna Kokoszka, Felicia Bakaj, student representative

ABSENT: Donna Skaats

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McGray, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Rob Laskarzewski, Stephen Salisbury, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Maryanne Leichter

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS – Letters of resignation: Sally May, LES; Patricia Friedman, LES

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes

1. Regular Meeting – 3/2/10

2. Special Meeting – 3/2/10, Finance/Budget Subcommittee 3/1/10

Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by D. Battye to approve the consent agenda. Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Curriculum – no report.

2. Finance/Budget – The Board of Finance will meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and will give the BOE budget figure.

3. Goals – The subcommittee met this evening to discuss Strategic Goals for 09/12; the impact of funding and effects on performance of goals – Communication, Facilities; timeline and possible date for Board Retreat.

4. Negotiations – no report.

5. Policy – no report.

6. Transportation/Residency – no report.

7. Communications – no report

8. Vo-Ag Advisory – The meeting was cancelled.

9. Physical Plant/Facilities – The subcommittee met this evening to discuss EMCOR Services and out-sourcing maintenance. The lawn contract was discussed.

10. Superintendent Search – The subcommittee met twice last week to discuss the interview schedule and will meet again on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

11. Student Representative – CAPT testing completed, talent show on March 12, annual Mr. Lyman competition on March 19<sup>th</sup>, post grad breakfast fundraiser on March 21, English Dept. trip on March 17 to see ‘Alice in Wonderland’ for comparison with original novel, juniors have chosen their monitors for senior project and will begin homeroom/conference time on March 29, AP testing sign-ups, course selection are underway with guidance, FFA will be selling Easter lilies and spring baskets, spring sports try-outs and practices have begun, The play ‘Once Upon a Mattress’ has showings on Thursday, Friday,

Saturday night at 7:00 p.m., college field trip for juniors on April 8, student council sponsors Sock Hop on April 9, Third quarter closes on March 26, Tri-M program sponsors Haiti fundraiser.

## VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

### 1. Updates:

- Principal updates on recent and upcoming activities: Sandy Simon, LES – Spirit Week, pre-school screening, 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration, multi-age games/goodies, Valentines Day, Looping/Multi-Age info meeting, Science Fair, CMTs completed, March 25/26 parent/teacher conferences, Polar Ice Cream Party, Invention Convention, Pre-K screening on April 29, Science Fair on May 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Colonial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Arts Night on May 14, Science Day with Pfizer parent volunteers on May 25, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade author share on May 28, Field Day on June 3, 4<sup>th</sup> grade celebration on June 8, 4<sup>th</sup> grade ‘Moving On’ celebration on June 10. Robert Laskarzewski, LMS – Spirit Week raised \$500 for Haiti, CMTs completed, ‘We are the World’ assembly, National Junior Honor Society selection, Lyman Drama assembly on March 24, Transition planning for upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, parent info night for D.C. trip, winners of ‘Play 60’ for physical fitness with an upcoming sports assembly, Great East Festival, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students visit on April 4. Stephen Salisbury, LMHS – Talent Show on March 12, Annual Mr. Lyman was held on March 19, Lyman musical to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m., Sock Hop and Band Concert in April, AP testing in May, Prom at the Mystic Marriott on May 8, Senior Outing to Highland Park on May 17, Academic Awards in May, Parade on May 29, exams and rehearsals in June. Each principal will provide a district calendar of upcoming events.
  - Dr. Hanna provided the Board with an update on the Lebanon Early Childhood Council. The council met on March 17 and reviewed logo options designed by Ellen Turner and selected two for use in future publications; discussed creation of outreach packets to be available at town hall, library, early childhood centers in town; reviewed the NAEYC family survey distributed this month, planning has begun for: a booth at the Lebanon Fair, a Fall 2010 Community Leader event to showcase early childhood focus and needs, Fall 2010 Community Event, Council web page; Set dates for: final pre-school screening – April 29<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten Parent Evening – April 29<sup>th</sup>, ECC Parent Workshop with light dinner and childcare – May 17<sup>th</sup>. Preschool and Kindergarten teachers continue to work on classroom portfolios in preparation for NAEYC accreditation visit next year. Discussion at the April 28 meeting to include School Readiness grant application, budget and budget narrative.
  - Continued discussion on offering school programs, activities to home schooled students. Some considerations would be school physicals and immunizations, space availability and consequences for disciplinary problems. High school students would not be able to participate in any CIAC athletics. The Policy subcommittee will schedule a meeting to further review and discuss a policy, which would need to be in place.
2. State Board of Education Resolution Regarding Tracking. The district will be receiving further guidelines from the State Department of Education regarding reporting responsibilities. The difference between tracking and levels was presented.

Moved by Lori Jahoda and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to amend the agenda and add: Approve Lyman Varsity Baseball field trip to Toms River, New Jersey. Motion unanimously passed.

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve out-of-state field trip: Lyman Ski Club. Motion withdrawn.
2. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve special education rates for tuition students. Motion unanimously passed.
3. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve the 2010 graduation date as June 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Moved by D. Battye and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve the Lyman Varsity Baseball field trip to Toms River, New Jersey. Motion unanimously passed.
5. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve the non-renewal of contract of non-tenure teachers: Non-tenured Elementary School: Janine Cone, June Dunn, Kyle Evans, Heather Lyon, Melissa Orlando, Brian Perchal, Heather Pomroy, Erin Shuman, Emily Stallings. Non-tenured Middle School: Christopher Andrews, Heather Graybill, Ashley Millerd, Valerie Nettleton, Megan Parr, Amanda Stevens. Non-tenured Lyman Memorial: Jillian Cavanna, Karen Collins, Victoria Fagan, Rebecca Flannery, Erica Graff, Megan Leone, Lynn Olson, Geoffrey Picard, Michelle Wozniak, Samuel Ralston, Christina Serpa. Voting Aye: S. Tremblay, L. Jahoda, K. Wentworth, D. Battye, D. Kokoszka, J. Mello. Opposed: Melissa Hofmann. Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – 1) Policy subcommittee will schedule a meeting to discuss home school participation; Mission Statement; a policy to allow for the search of school and grounds with a police search dog. 2) Email Superintendent with dates and times for Board Retreat. 3) Finance subcommittee will schedule a meeting to discuss communications. 4) Facilities subcommittee will schedule a meeting to discuss EMCOR and the maintenance update.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by M. Hofmann and seconded by J. Mello to adjourn the Regular Meeting Session at 8:25 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary