

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
Regular Meeting - February 9, 2010

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

PRESENT: Donna Lafontaine, Chairman, Darcy Battye, Keith Wentworth, Donna Skaats (7:35 p.m.), James Mello, Melissa Hofmann, Lori Jahoda, Sandra Tremblay, Deanna Kokoszka, Felicia Bakaj, student representative

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McGray, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Rob Laskarzewski, Stephen Salisbury, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Maryanne 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. COMMUNICATIONS – Letter from Brian Parrow, parent.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Lisa Velrizzi, resident and parent, thanked teachers for their turnout tonight and also thanked BOE members for their work and support during the budget process.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes

1. Regular Meeting –1/26/10

2. Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 1/26/10, Special Meeting –1/30/10, Special Meeting – 2/2/10, Superintendent Search Steering Committee – 2/2/10 (correction: add Lori Jahoda as present)

Moved by Darcy Battye and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve the Consent Agenda with noted correction to the Superintendent Search Steering Committee as noted. Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Curriculum – no report.
2. Finance/Budget – The Subcommittee met prior to tonight's meeting for the Superintendent's presentation on budget impact.
3. Goals – no report
4. Negotiations – no report.
5. Policy – no report.
6. Transportation/Resident – no report.
7. Communications – no report
8. Vo-Ag Advisory – no report.
9. Physical Plant/Facilities – Recent broken fire suppression pipe at the front entrance flooded the main and lower levels of the high school. A big thank you to the Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department, custodians, Stephen Salisbury and staff for their efforts to assist in the clean up on Sunday afternoon. A great response by teachers, staff and students for their cooperation. A further update by Stephen Salisbury under Superintendent's Report.
10. Student Representative - Winter sports continue and team photos were taken last Friday; the recent flood at Lyman has had little effect on students and the learning process; CT Youth Forum came to Lyman after school today with more than 150 students from area schools participating in intellectual discussion; Scheduling for freshmen through junior classes was completed yesterday while seniors were fitted for caps and gowns; 9th grade students will attend a Romeo and Juliet field trip to CONN College on Thursday; the New Images program was hosted by Lyman.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

1. Updates:

Stephen Salisbury, principal at Lyman, presented on the status of the recent flood and remediation efforts at the high school after a broken fire suppression pipe in the front entrance flooded the main and lower level floors of the school. The fire suppression system has been repaired and is now operable and school reopened after one missed day. JP McGuire (clean up company) was sent by CIRMA to remediate the situation. Fans and dehumidifiers have been placed in various locations to eliminate the humidity and dry out carpets and walls. The gym floor is being addressed through air circulation and a determination of its condition will be made later next week. The guidance and main office areas will have carpets removed and tile floor will be installed. The auditorium carpet will be monitored and will require further cleaning at a later date; the lower level floor tiles will be monitored for curling or other damage; mold and air quality testing/monitoring took place on Friday. All results were within expected parameters. Progress will continue to be monitored

2. Home schooled student school participation:

The Board received a request from a parent regarding home school students' access to school activities. The present position of the Board has been that school activities are not available to home schooled students and that we do not oversee home school programs. There are currently 19 children registered as home schooled. The Board requested that the Superintendent research this further and inquire what other surrounding districts require. Dr. Bonnie Hanna stated that textbooks and curriculum material is available at the local library and families have borrowed textbooks during the school year. The Board discussed the pros and cons and impacts to sports, coaching staff and liability/supervision. No decision was made by the Board and will continue further discussion and follow-up at a later date.

3. Alternate Calendar Option:

A fourth calendar option is presented for review and discussion. This option has teachers returning on August 26th and students on August 30th. Options 1, 2 and 3 were presented at an earlier date. Option #1 – School starts on August 23rd and has a shortened February vacation; Option #2 has an early start, full February vacation and last day of school is June 9th; Option #3 has a September 1 start date and a shortened February vacation. A final decision will be required by the Board as an Action Item at the February 23 Regular Meeting.

4. 2010-2011 Budget:

As requested by the Board of Finance, the BOE has developed a 0% or “flat” budget increase. The Superintendent presented the context of the reductions to meet this expectation for the Board's review and consideration. A handout entitled *Lebanon Public Schools Impact to Reach a Zero Percent Increase* was distributed.

Grade/program	Impact	Positions	Salary Savings	Insurance Savings
Grade 1	New Class Avg –19	1		
Grade 2	New Class Avg – 22	1		
Grade 3	New Class Avg – 21	1		
LES Band	Eliminate Program	0.2		
Enrichment	Eliminate Program	1		
6/7/8 Spanish/French	Eliminate Program	1.6		
5-8 Tech Ed	Eliminate Program	0.6		
5-8 Chorus	Eliminate Program	0.2		
5-8 PE	Increase Class Size	0.4		
9-12 Computers	Eliminate Program	1		
9-12 Tech Ed	Reduce Program	0.4		
9-12 Choral Music	Increase Class Size	0.2		
9-12 Science	Class size/sections	1		
9-12 English	Increase Class Size	0.6		
9-12 SS	Class size/electives	1		

9-12 Math	Increase Class Size	1		
9-12 Guidance	Increase Case Load	1		
9-12 French	Increase Class Size	0.4		
Art non designated		<u>0.2</u>		
		13.8	\$584,208.00	\$99,905.00

Other Reductions

Eliminate MS Athletics	\$32,000.00
MS Ath Dir	\$ 3,966.00
Eliminate JV Athletics	\$31,000.00
HS pay for athletic travel	\$27,500.00
Athletic supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Extra Cur Stipends	\$12,500.00
Supplies	\$17,400.00
Substitute increase	\$ 2,960.00
Contingency	\$30,000.00
Dept. Heads Team Leaders	\$61,000.00
Vo-Ag Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Printing	\$ 1,000.00
Maintenance	\$62,000.00
Field Trips	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
	\$301,326.00

TOTAL: \$985,439.00

February 18 – BOE continues budget discussions.

February 23 – BOE votes on 2010-2011 budget to present to Board of Finance

March 6 – Board of Finance public hearing on BOE and other town budgets.

Moved by Donna Skaats and seconded by Keith Wentworth to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add: 1. To approve obtaining a permit application to construct sugarhouse at Lyman. Motion unanimously passed.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Moved by Jim Mello and seconded by Keith Wentworth to approve obtaining a permit application to construct sugarhouse at LMHS. Motion unanimously passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – 1) Last 2 months of items on Tracker List, completed and remaining. 2) Schedule subcommittee meetings for Superintendent Search Steering Committee meeting on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. and Facilities on February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded D. Skaats to adjourn the Regular Meeting Session at 8:40 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary