

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
Special Session –June 9, 2009

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

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

PRESENT: Darcy Battye, Vice Chairman, James Mello, Marisa Haralson, Melissa Hofmann, Lori Jahoda, Rene Wentworth, Beriah Smith, student representative

ABSENT: Donna Lafontaine, Chairman, Keith Wentworth, Donna Skaats

ALSO PRESENT: Robert McGray, Superintendent, Sandye Simon, Rob Laskarzewski, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Carol Moore, Jerome Walsh, Mal Leichter, Maryanne Leichter

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS – 1) High School Yearbook

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Miguel Garcia, on behalf of LEA noted – retirement party for retirees has taken place and also expressed concerns: 1) The daytime scheduling of the Finance/Budget Subcommittee meetings on June 1 and June 9 were not convenient for those wishing to attend. 3) A letter from the High School Special Education addressed to the Superintendent of Schools and various administration regarding the staffing cuts. 4) Concerns with teacher postings. 5) Technology and the purchase of several projectors at Lyman for use in classrooms. 6) Explore offering core electives such as in English. 7) Offer more Professional Development Days focused on specific areas such as math, reading and off-site locations. Sandye Simon, Principal LES, informed the Board of the recent death of Carolina Herfkins, former elementary school psychologist.

V. CONSENT AGENDA –

Moved by Jim Mello and seconded by Marissa Haralson to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of minutes.

1) Regular Meeting 5/26/09

2) Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 5/26/09, Finance/Budget Subcommittee – 6/1/09. Motion unanimously passed.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES –

1. Curriculum – no report.

2. Finance/Budget – The Subcommittee met today with a summary for Board members.

3. Goals - no report.

4. Negotiations – no report.

5. Policy – no report.

6. Transportation/Residency – no report.

7. Communications – no report.

8. Vo-AG Advisory – no report.

9. Physical Plant/Facilities – no report.

10. Student Representative – Senior banquet; yearbooks; Senior outing to Six Flags was cancelled due to inclement weather; State FFA Convention was held at Lyman for the first time and two Lyman teams were acknowledged by the State and will go on to national competition in the fall.

VII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT –

1. Updates:

- The State FFA Convention was successful and Mr. McGray acknowledged the parents who helped to facilitate the 400 who attended.
- A wind turbine has been awarded to Lebanon and an on-site meeting will take place on Wednesday with the CADMUS Group and the Clean Energy Fund. An appointment will be scheduled with the town zoning officer to apply for permits. Construction will begin some time after graduation.

2. Student Recognitions:

The following students were recognized: LMHS Scholar Athletes, Gabe Paun, Katie Fitton, LMS Scholar Leaders – Michael Bennett and Grace Preli, 7th grade student, Levi Duhaime for statewide 2nd place winner for the eesmarkets Essay Contest presented by the Clean Energy Efficiency Fund; Lyman student, Felicia Bakaj, for Student Community Leader presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut.

3. Executive Sessions:

The Board attorney prepared legal reasons for entering Executive Session; his opinion regarding the Order of Business in Policy #9300, and; a 2/3 vote is required to enter into Executive Session.

4. Agenda Development:

The agenda is developed through the request of Board members under New Business/Items for Next Agenda, items that are annual in nature by the superintendent, items the superintendent feels requires Board attention or action and review of the agenda by the Board Chair with the opportunity for including of items. Board members can also discuss the potential inclusion of items with the Board Chair. Agenda order and development was discussed.

5. ARRA Stimulus Funds:

The Superintendent reported on the stimulus grant and the formula that allows a percentage of these special education dollars to potentially offset expenditures within the local budget. 14% of the ARRA Stabilization Stimulus Grant, which the state is using to assure flat funding of the ECS grant, will be sent directly to the school districts. The Board of Finance as well as the auditor have been contacted to establish an account for these funds.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS –

1. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Lori Jahoda to authorize the Superintendent to hire new staff over the summer. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Moved by Lori Jahoda and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve compliance with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards for the 2009-2010 school year. Voting Aye: Melissa Hofmann, Marisa Haralson, Lori Jahoda, Jim Mello. Opposed: Rene Wentworth. Motion passed.
3. Moved by Lori Jahoda and seconded by Melissa Hofmann to approve exclusion from compliance with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards the sale of food at school events occurring after the regular school day or weekend given that the sale is at the location of the event and the food is not sold by vending machine or school store. Motion unanimously passed.
4. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Lori Jahoda to approve lawn cutting contract. Motion unanimously passed.
5. Moved Lori Jahoda and seconded by Rene Wentworth to approve summer closing of varsity soccer field. Motion unanimously passed.
6. Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Lori Jahoda to approve non-affiliated salaries as listed. Motion unanimously passed.
7. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Jim Mello to approve the allocations in the 2009-2010 budget as described. Voting Aye: Rene Wentworth, Marisa Haralson, Lori Jahoda, Jim Mello Opposed: Melissa Hofmann. Motion passed.
8. Moved by Rene Wentworth and seconded by Jim Mello to approve the 2009-2010 Board of Education Budget of \$16,955,520. Motion unanimously passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Strategic/Goals update; job description update; .
bylaw review; email monthly Regular Meeting Agenda to board members

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Jim Mello to go to Executive Session to discuss the superintendent's appraisal at 8:51 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT-

Moved by Melissa Hofmann and seconded by Marisa Haralson to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bennett, Recording Secretary