

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
APRIL 29, 2014 – SPECIAL SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:	Stephen Nelson, Chairman	James Mello, Vice Chairman
	Al Vertefeuille, Secretary	Lori Jahoda
	Sandra Tremblay	Bert Bosse
	Jason Nowosad	

ABSENT: Keith Wentworth
Donna Skaats

ALSO PRESENT: Janet Tyler, Superintendent, Liz Charron, BOF Chairperson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Stephen Nelson, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSS and ACT UPON

1. 2014-15 Budget

Al Vertefeuille, BOE Finance Subcommittee Chairperson, identified potential budget reductions for next school year. They included the elimination of two buses, a teacher, and an instructional assistant. In addition, savings could be made through reductions in health insurance, oil, and staff transportation. Professional development funds would be moved to a grant.

Motion by Lori Jahoda to discuss the Finance Subcommittee recommendations. Seconded by Bert Bosse. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Bert Bosse proposed that the BOE consider pay-to-play or pay-to-participate as an additional option. He shared that forty-one districts currently have pay-to-play and the cost ranges from \$225 - \$700 (maximum per family). Lori Jahoda supported the recommendation. Data will be gathered from school districts that have instituted pay-to-play at shared with the BOE at an upcoming meeting.

Jim Mello and Jason Nowosad echoed the statement that funds could potentially be taken from the maintenance budget.

Bert Bosse made a motion to table any action, seconded by Jason Nowosad. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Bert Bosse questioned the BOF 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Public Hearing document reflecting the BOE increase of 3.88% for FY 2013-2014. Liz Charron explained that because there were funds returned the previous year, those funds are considered new to the approved budget.

At the Town Meeting on Monday, May 5, Steve Nelson, BOE Chairperson, will read the motion, passed by the BOE, regarding the purchase of the Keefe property.

2. Posting of Agenda

Superintendent Tyler explained that oftentimes, because the Town Hall is closed on Wednesdays or the Town employee that posts BOE meeting agendas is absent, there is difficulty getting agendas posted timely, which impacts the work of the BOE. Per State Statute, “the (FOI) Commission ruled that a board of education is a separate ‘public agency’ and arguably the board of education can post its regular meeting agendas at the board of education offices.” The BOE will discuss this topic at their next meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Al Vertefeuille and seconded by Jason Vertefeuille to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vote: All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted by,

Albert Vertefeuille, Secretary