

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
MARCH 21, 2012 ~ SPECIAL SESSION ~7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Melissa Hofmann, Chairman Darcy Battye, Vice Chairman
 Lori Jahoda Stephen Nelson
 Sandra Tremblay Judd Wardell (7:06 PM)

ABSENT: James Mello, Secretary; Keith Wentworth; Donna Skaats; Morgan Meese, Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Janet Tyler; Lebanon Middle School Principal Robert Laskarzewski; Lyman High School Principal Stephen Salisbury; Lebanon Elementary School Interim Principal Bonnie Hanna; Special Education Director Sandye Simon; Business Manager Eve Spencer.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Hofmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Lebanon Middle School Media Center at 891 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – BYLAWS OF THE BOARD #9300

Public participation – 30 minutes; Individual speaker – 2 minutes

Sandye Simon, President of the Administrators Union, thanked the Board of Ed members for their professionalism in the wake of negative feedback from the Board of Finance. Ms. Simon urged the Board of Education members to continue to work with the Board of Finance members to better communication so that misinformation does not continue.

Ron Cowles suggested that meetings should be videotaped and aired on the public television network channel.

Linda Russo spoke on behalf of maintaining the Math support position at the elementary school so that children can be serviced as they need.

III. ACTION ITEMS - DISCUSS AND ACT UPON

1. Discuss 2012-2013 Board of Education Budget

Superintendent Tyler reported that after the last Board of Finance meeting the new percentage is 2.03%. A handout was given that outlined proposed draft reductions by filling vacancies due to retirement with in-house staff, reduction of programs based upon numbers, sharing staff among the schools, reduction of four secretaries hours and eliminating a .5 secretarial position at Lyman, reduction of World Language, replacing a contracted maintenance worker with an in-house position. Music Therapy and Adaptive PE will be funded by the IDEA grant. The Assistant Principal at LMS and LES will be reduced to 230 days per year. Department Heads will not be reinstated, but the funds will be used to hire a Curriculum Coordinator. The position will be for 230 days. There was a savings of Health Insurance and all sports programs and after school activities will remain intact.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM made by D. Battye, **seconded by L. Jahoda, motion passed unanimously 6:0:0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah L. Saucier,
Recording Secretary