

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
LEBANON, CONNECTICUT
January 11, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING SESSION

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

PRESENT: Melissa Hofmann, Chairman, Darcy Battye, Keith Wentworth, James Mello, Brenda Bennett, Sandra Tremblay, Donna Skaats, Lori Jahoda, Deanna Kokoszka

ALSO PRESENT: Janet Tyler, Superintendent, Stephen Salisbury, Mal Leichter

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:40 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATION

1. Letter from Graywall Farms
2. Thank you from Donna Lafontaine

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

David Smith (parent) – Spoke about his opposition to the Social Networking Policy.

Ron Cowles (resident) – Spoke about the “lack” of accounting procedures and accountability within the District.

Kathleen Smith (parent, teacher, resident) – Spoke on behalf of her opposition to the Social Networking Policy. Mrs. Smith expressed interest in having an “open forum” on the Social Networking Policy.

George Gray (LMHS teacher) – expressed concern about the Social Networking Policy and thought that students should be made aware of the policy.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES -

1. Communications –D. Kokoszka and J. Mello, members of communications sub committee attended the LES PTA meeting on 01/03/11, and the LMS PTO meeting on 01/10/11; both events were well received. They will be attending the LMHS Parent Group on 01/19/11.
2. Physical Plant/Facilities – the facilities sub-committee met this evening to discuss the Capital Improvement list, status of the water heater at LMHS, and snowplowing for the District.
3. Policy- the policy sub-committee met this evening to discuss “Ordering Goods and Services” (new policy), reviewed IDEA-“Alternative Assessments for students with Disabilities for Statewide and District wide Assessments”, and “Administrative Regulations concerning IDEA Fiscal Compliance.”

VI. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT/POSSIBLE ACTION -

1. Discussed 2010-2011 budget
2. Reviewed 2010-2011 revenue

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Moved by K. Wentworth and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve out of state field trips for Lyman Memorial. Motion unanimously passed.
2. Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve second reading of Social Networking policy #4118.51 & #4218.51. Vote: AYE: 7, OPPOSED: 1, K. Wentworth. Motion passed.
3. Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve second reading of Online Social

Networking policy #6141.326. Vote: AYE: 7, OPPOSED: 1 – K. Wentworth. Motion passed.

4. Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by L. Jahoda to approve first reading of Ordering Goods and Services – Purchase Orders and Contracts policy #3324. Motion unanimously passed.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Moved by D. Battye and seconded by K. Wentworth to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiation with Columbia Public Schools and Superintendent Goals and Evaluation Process at 8:06 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Moved by D. Battye and seconded by K. Wentworth to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. and return to the Regular Meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT –

Moved by D. Skaats and seconded by K. Wentworth to adjourn the Regular Meeting Session at 9:40 p.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Hofmann, Chair