

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE/BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011 ~7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: D. Battye, Chair S. Nelson
 J. Mello M. Hofmann

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Janet Tyler; L. Jahoda, J. Wardell, K. Wentworth, S. Tremblay, Lyman Memorial High School Principal, Stephen Salisbury, Lebanon Middle School Principal, Robert Laskarzewski, Lebanon Elementary School Interim Principal, Dr. Bonnie Hanna, Interim Director of Special Services, Sandye Simon, LEA President, Edie Ritz

I. CALL TO ORDER

Darcy Battye called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium at 891 Exeter Road, Lebanon, CT

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The following residents either asked questions or shared comments about District needs in regard to the financial impact for FY 2012-2013.

1. L. Matson:
 - Lacking in administration
 - How can we effectively monitor teachers?
 - Is there sufficient guidance at LMS and LMHS?
 - Dress code in school is not consistent
 - Leveling
 - Is Professional Development being provided for differentiation?
 - SRBI – are teachers getting enough training?
2. D. Bazzano:
 - LES- more programs concerning non-bullying, DARE starting at a younger age, technology education, increase enrichment programs, leveling within the classroom.
 - LMS – introduce foreign language in earlier grades, Language Arts and Math earlier intervention and leveling, replace/repair clocks in locker rooms
 - LMHS – revamp X-Block (suggestions include instruction in writing college essays, life skills, study skills for freshman)
 - District – repair/replace bathroom deficiencies, sinks, hand dryers, locks
What are the plans for future enrollment?
Data on what is working or not
Confidential teacher/faculty input to Superintendent
3. B. Pavlich:
 - Do we give our teachers the ability to provide feedback without backlash?
 - Effective use and input

- Cut backs at LMHS, are they effecting our graduating seniors by not providing enough class sections or offerings?
- 4. S. Haynes:
 - Inquired about all day kindergarten
- 5. T. Benigno:
 - Inquired about policy in regard to funding athletics and equipment, specifically LMHS wrestling.
- 6. M. Bruce:
 - How is the District exploring or marketing itself?
 - Enrollment dwindling
 - Teachers spending too much out of pockets
 - Should look at Regionalization; disappointed Columbia left
 - Inquired about LAA givebacks
 - “Snow Gate”
- 7. R. Cowles:
 - How are we going to raise proficiency test scores to get other towns?
 - Teachers spend money out of their pockets – why?
 - System in trouble, money is running out, you can only tax the people so much
 - Why aren’t teachers and students being inspired to teach?
 - How will you raise the numbers (test scores)?

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by S. Nelson and seconded by J. Mello to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Darcy Battye
Chair, Finance/Budget Subcommittee