

LEBANON BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021 6:30 pm
Lebanon Borough School Library

CALL TO ORDER: J. Caruthers Called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

PUBLICATION

OF NOTICE:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided through a public notice on January 21, 2021:

- a. Faxing to 2 Newspapers designated by the Board – The Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express Times*
- b. Posting to the District Website, posting on the main bulletin board in the main office,*
- c. Faxing to the Clerk of Lebanon Borough.*

ROLL CALL:

Board Members:

Jacklyn Carruthers, Vice President
David Abeles
Danielle Nugent

Absent:

Dan Elwell, President

District Administrators:

Mr. Bruce Arcurio, Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Patricia Duell, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE:

J. Carruthers led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

See Attached

Action Item 22-CSA-03:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the **HIB report** for the month of November 2021.

Motion for Action Items 22-CSA-03:

Motion by D. Abeles, Second by D. Nugent. The resolution is adopted by the Board on a roll call vote as follows: 3 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Report of the School Business Administrator:

Informational: The next meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Election Results – Mary Melfi emailed me today with the final results of the election:

Dan Elwell – 3 year term

Jacklyn Carruthers -3 year term

Benedict Valliere – 2 year unexpired term (write in candidate)

Please watch your email for messages about trainings that will be due by the end of the year.

ACTION ITEMS 22-BA-21 THROUGH 22-BA-25:**Action 22-BA-21:**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the following Board Meeting Minutes for:**

Minutes: Regular Session

November 11, 2021

Action 22-BA-22:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the Board Secretary Reports for the period ending:**

October 31, 2021

Action 22-BA-23:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending:**

October 31, 2021

Action 22-BA-24:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby **approves Line item transfers for the period ending:**

October 31, 2021

Action 22-BA-25:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education does hereby certify that as of the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and/or expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.1:

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief School Administrator recommends that the Lebanon Borough Board of Education **accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the following periods:**

October 31, 2021

AND FURTHER RECOMMENDS, in compliance NJAC 6A:23-2.11c (4), that the Board of Education certify that no major account has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b) and that as of this report date, sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year.

Motion for Action Items 22-BA-21 through 22-BA-25:

Motion by D. Nugent, Second by D. Abeles. The resolution is adopted by the Board on a roll call vote as follows: 3 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on substitute teachers and para-professionals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS

Please note that as a practice the Board limits public comments to three minutes.

District's Policy 0167 - Public Participation in Board Meetings. The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide for two periods of public comments at every regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. *A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.*
2. *Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a reasonable time as determined by the presiding officer.*
3. *No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.*
4. *All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.*
5. *The presiding officer may*
 - (a) *Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to the district;*
 - (b) *Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;*
 - (c) *Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;*
 - (d) *Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.*

Marlene Baldinger – Questioned if remote learning would be available to students if they need to quarantine for the Covid 19 virus.

Question about the delivery of report cards.

Compliments to the PTA for the in-person book fair.

Comments on teacher comfort and give backs to recognize them for their hard work.

FACILITY/FINANCE/POLICY:

Action Items 22-FFP-35 through 22-FFP-38:

Action item 22-FFP-35:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the **payment of bills** for the period ending **December 2, 2021 in the amount of \$ 206,694.39.**

Action item 22-FFP-36:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves **the Statement of Assurance for the School Safety & Security Plan in the 2021/2022 school year.**

Action item 22-FFP-37:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the **Facility Use applications for the LB PTA as follows:**

Intramural Basketball Grades 4 – 6 Girls & Boys; 12/6/2021 through 2/17/2022

Action item 22-FFP-38:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with the Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education for Child Study Team Services for the 2021/2022 school year as attached.

Motion for Action Items 22-FFP-29 through 22-FFP-38:

Motion by D. Abeles, Second by D. Nugent. The resolution is adopted by the Board on a roll call vote as follows: 3 ayes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

FFP Discussion:

Discussion about the girls and boys basketball program.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:

Please refer to Lebanon Borough BOE policy 0167 for public comment guidelines

Ava Baldinger – Questioned the continuation of Reading Olympics.

Marlene Baldinger – Commented on the school security and safety plan, new state trooper assigned to Lebanon Borough.

Comment on a program called “What’s your dream?” which is an art program that the Hunterdon County Poly Tech school is doing.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Nugent brought up a discussion on staff morale in the building, are there ways to foster encouragement and positive attitudes.

ADJOURNMENT:**Action Item 22-AD-05:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns this meeting.

Motion by D. Nugent., Second by D. Abeles. The resolution is adopted by the full membership of the board at 6:56 pm.