

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield Intermediate School art room.

Present were: Mr. Katzin, Chairperson; Mrs. Fabbri, Ms. Rosser, Ms. Carr, Messrs. Falcetti, Noone, and Simone; Dr. Wheeler; Mr. Buccitelli; Mr. Zaremski; Ms. Della Volpe; Mrs. Longobucco; Ms. Murphy; Ms. Kubisek, the public and the press. Mr. Shuhi arrived at 7:05 PM.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the consent agenda with the following correction on page 2483 under the motion to approve payment of invoices, “Roser” to “Rosser”, on page 2486 under Old Business, correct spelling of “Car” to “Carr”, add “Ms. Rosser” as a positive vote and on page 2488 under Curriculum/Programs and Personnel, correct “regards” to “regard”.

- a. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting August 25, 2010
- b. Approve the payment of invoices for 2010-2011 budget as required
- c. Personnel Update – Intermediate School Nurse, Tina Cordani, hired.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. Mr. Shuhi and Mr. Simone abstained.

Public Comment and Correspondence

- a. STPC - Ms. Fabbri reported that the STPC meeting is the 4th Thursday of every month, except for September; the Yankee Candle sale has started. PTO – Ms. Moore reported that the general membership meeting will be Wednesday, September 22; PTO parent, faculty and staff adult social and silent auction will be October 1st from 7-11 PM.
- b. Public Comment
 - Steve Simonin discussed school closing at 2:00 PM with supervision for students until 2:35 pm; for sports students he is worried about safety as some sports start at 3:30 PM, discussed help after school, discussed transportation to Saturday Jamboree.
 - Mrs. Egan presented that in 2008 student assaulted during transportation, questioned business manager about report, complaint filed with U.S. Department of Education – which found that the district committed a technical violation in not responding to her request for information within 45 days, discussed Dr. Wheeler’s response to the Feds, requested action against Dr. Wheeler and the Business Manager, requested a written

letter from Board of Education for no retaliation against the student within 14 days, Mrs. Egan distributed a package of documents to the Board members, stating that Dr. Wheeler was not to receive a package.

- Gayle Carr spoke as a member of the public regarding the need to address the school dress code, questioned why no snacks in Litchfield High School
 - Philip Simonin – questioned \$20 Student Council dues, would like documentation that the money is going to prom and graduation, questioned if there is a fee on upper lot and where funds raised from parking are going.
- c. Correspondence – Kelly Garden’s email from July 23 to go into record.
- d. Administrators’ Reports –
- J. Murphy – LIS had a successful opening and welcome back assembly.
 - A. Longobucco – Center had a great beginning, Town Meeting (to welcome students), new play scape was a big success.
 - K. Della Volpe – LHS starting time worked well, each grade has class meetings, thanks from the LAA to the Board of Education for extending the Superintendent’s contract.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Wheeler reported on the following:

- Official enrollment date will be October 1
- There were 36 more students than projected in attendance the first day of school. Total 1174 - 359 at high school, 198 at middle school, 276 at intermediate school, 341 at center. Compared male to female numbers.
- Professional Development was run by staff; Dr. Wheeler discussed state and national standards and outlined the focus for staff professional development this year; expanding on last year’s work in curriculum development and expanding capacity in instruction and assessment.

Old Business

Nurse position is not a certified teaching position or in a bargaining unit. Discussed Strategic Plan, slow but steady progress. Committee of BOE, LEA and administrators will meet on September 8, 2010 to develop focus questions on staff vision for future of district.

New Business

- a. Bus Transportation – past history reviewed, some parents expressed concerns, All-Star is also looking at situation, August 26, 2010 parents were alerted by phone, All-Star and Business Office work together on routes, might look at consolidating stops in future, State and Board of Education standards are alike, now have two stops on Meadow street, one at Wolcott Street and one at Woodruff Street. All safety concerns presented by parents are being investigated by All-Star's Safety Compliance Officer.
- b. OCR Report – due date for Voluntary Corrective Action Plan time was extended to October 18th, report will go to Facilities Committee on September 27 for discussion.

Committee Reports

Finance – September 30 final report for past year's budget; Bob Dean and Chris Wardrop will be present to discuss Workman's Comp. Insurance.

Facilities & Technology – none

Curriculum – none

Policies

- a. First Reading - Policy # 6172.6 – send back to committee for language changes.
- b. First Reading - Policy # 9500 – send back to committee review of responsibilities of Finance Committee, adding responsibilities related to insurance.
- c. First Reading – Policy # 9133 – in bullet #6 change the word “to” to “do”.
Second reading at next Board of Education meeting.
- d. Second Reading - Policy # 5141 – adopted with change in 3rd paragraph to remove the word “per” each sport season.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Noone: to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Falcetti, Secretary