A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Center School gym.

Present were: Ms. Carr, Chair; Mr. Clock; Ms. Stone; Mr. Falcetti; Mr. Morosani (via cell phone); Mr. Pavlick; Mr. Shuhi; Mr. Simone; and Mr. Terzian.

Also present were: Superintendent Turner; Mr. Fiorillo; Ms. Haggard; Ms. Della Volpe; Ms. Deltano; Dr. Pascento and members of the public and press.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to add to the agenda as I a. Discussion of Relay for Life presentation.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Pavlick: to add to the agenda as X b. Discussion ongoing litigation.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Clock and seconded by Mr. Simone: to add to the agenda as IX. b. a discussion of Policy # 9500 as a first reading.

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

Relay for Life

Several students distributed a purple bracelet, post card sample, and application sample for participation on April 27, 2019 at L.H.S. from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and presented the following: having cancer in some of their families; team participation; great fundraiser; fun to make a team; need more adults involved; building relationships; bonding; great opportunity; able to make a difference; fundraising goals; $6,000; calendar of events; approximately $600 for 3 days; created social media to encourage participation; thanks to those who donated; club at school participating; participating at farmers market; having a booth for 3 weeks; next booth at Community Center on March 16th; raffle held with bracelets; and have website.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the
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minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2019 as submitted with the following correction on page 3798 first paragraph last sentence add “Dorsey” to Fred and change advise to advice.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 16, 2019 as submitted.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 22, 2019 as submitted.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2019 with the following corrections on page 3804 midway capitalize Community Conversation and delete the phrase, “issues with if missing,” from the paragraph under b.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. Ms. Stone abstained.

Payment of Invoices

MOTION made by Mr. Pavlick and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: approve the payment of FY 2018-19 invoice on Accounts Payable warrant # 2019-18 dated 2/21/2019 in the amount of $2,644.44; warrant # 2019-19 dated 3/6/2019 in the amount of 331,902.03.

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

Public Comment and Correspondence Communications

a. STPC – none.
   PTO – none.
b. LHS Student Council – none.
d. Litchfield Education Foundation – none.
e. Other public comment – none.
f. Correspondence- none.
g. Administrators’ Report –
   Ms. Haggard distributed a handout: student achievement; attending transition team conference at EdAdvance; Care Grant team meeting; pilot for implementing SOS; curriculum presented at CPP on April 11th; culture; PD from DCF; early development
trauma; on 3/6/2019; Network of Care Team (QPR) training for grades 7-12; communication; K-8 School Counseling brochure; upload to Atlas; Greenwoods forums continue; collaboration with Litchfield Prevention Council; prevention programs ongoing; Vaping forum on April 28th for parents; and students on April 30th and May 1st.; resources; finalization of budget; and grant preparation and detail; and workshops on MOU calculations.

- Ms. Deltano distributed a handout: student achievement; NWEA assessments begun; grade 3 begun OLSAT assessment; celebration of 100 days collected food and personal hygiene for local charities; given to St. Michaels; culture; school goal reviewed; Ready, Respectful and Responsible students; programs for exceptional behavior; STEM time; newsletter to develop positive social and emotional well-being; communication; updating parents daily/weekly; preschool on Way to Go program; 54 students interested in preschool; Kindergarten orientation began; 20 families attended; Kindergarten registration began; 50 students so far; resources; ongoing budget submitted.

- Dr. Pascento distributed a handout: student achievement; trimester report card sent out March 15th; NAEP assessments on March 8th; selected students assessed on math and reading; all school reading, The Wild Robot; robot sightings; LEF Spelling Bee winner, Jackson Bates; grade 6 Winter MAP assessment; intervention strategies used; Physical Fitness Assessment held with Mr. Rosa; implementing SBA interim assessments; transition to standards based hybrid report cards; culture; school climate gathering information; Pillars of Character raffle held; student council Crazy Sock Day, March 8th; Internet Safety assembly on March 11th; PTO assembly held; process for next year’s schedule; communication; communication blasts on Friday; parent conferences in spring; classroom newsletters, emails, phone calls; resources; on-going budget process for LIS.

- Ms. Della Volpe distributed a handout: student achievement; West Side Story performance; staff conducting Instructional Rounds; 15 minute classroom visits; school day SAT on March 27th for all juniors; Ed Lok attended workshop at EdAdvance; skills 21 program; similar to senior capstone; conduct research and present projects; culture; student presentation by Scott Driscoll regarding internet safety issues; potential dangers; NHS efforts of fundraising for American Cancer Society; communication; district newsletter; shared staff use; and issues with singleton classes.

- Mr. Fiorillo - none.

Board members discussed: schedule for Spelling Bee; schools involved; input from LEF; input from State level; weather cancellations; capstone at L.H.S.; run before; curriculum endorsed by administrators; PD held; evaluation by State; and issues with projects.

**Old Business** - none.

**New Business**

a. 2019-2020 Budget Review.
Board members discussed: need for budget savings; update on insurance costs on Friday; get numbers out to BOF on the 18th; possible special meeting to be held to discuss findings on Friday; meeting with new broker; schedule around CPP meeting; and Board consensus to meet on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.

b. Next Generation Accountability Results.

Superintendent Turner presented a PowerPoint demonstration on Litchfield Public Schools Next-Generation Accountability Report 2017-18; a handout of common questions and answers regarding accountability system; and reported on the following: accountability systems serve important purposes; Connecticut Next Generation Accountability System for Districts and Schools; what are the 12 indicators? LPS district report 2017-18; LPS district report 2016-17 to 2017-18; achievement and graduation rate gaps; LPS district report 2017-18 (continued); gap indicators; assessment participation rates; LPS schools report 2017-18; accomplishments/celebrations; Schools of Distinction; celebrity/accomplishments specific areas of improvement; indicators/areas to consider; and conclusion; district use; general information; explains our progress; on website.

Board members discussed: achievement vs growth; growth shown in 3rd grade; why assess certain things; focus on well-rounded student; show each school; science this year; targets; index rates; areas of growth; data supports; what makes students high needs; English language learner; disadvantaged; free lunch; IEP needed; significant growth shown; district wide; growth arrows face up; participation rate; 12 indicators; based on index value; category issues; school district did well; district snapshot; focus on growth and progress; accomplishments; benchmarks; SAT, ACT; L.H.S. graduation needs; data for last 2 years; new staff for fitness testing; 7th and 8th grade differences; social, emotional effects; feeling their oats; L.M.S. recognize needs; L.M.S. for their identity; and shows improvement for L.M.S. students.

Superintendent's Report - None.

Committee Reports

Finance - None.
Curriculum, Program and Personnel - None.

Facilities and Technology - None.

Ed Advance - Ms. Stone reported that the committee met and discussed: change of leadership; redevelop themselves; have new program in Torrington; similar to Danbury; another alternative type school in Terryville; develop new curriculum; very successful; growth in SBAC; State involved; excellent results; need to share programs with other towns since so successful; and hopefully results will improve in other towns.

Board members discussed the following: need to share more with EdAdvance; busses shared; transportation shared; working with them more; share their progress; help with funding; if
consolidate use them; cutting edge on curriculum; have access to data base; increase views; State progress; have spectacular results; work with teachers; work with Danbury and New Haven; expand services to state; less money needed; and need to collaborate.

**Policy Review**

a. **Second Reading**

i. **Policy # 5125 Student Records: Confidentiality and Access to Student Records.**

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Clock: to approve Policy # 5125 Student Records: Confidentiality and Access to Student Records as amended.

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

ii. **Policy # 5141.21 Administering Medications.**

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve Policy # 5141.21 Administering Medication as amended.

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

iii. **Bylaw # 9222 Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure.**

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Clock: to approve Bylaw # 9222 Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure as amended

MOTION carried. Mr. Clock; Mr. Falcetti; Mr. Morosani; Mr. Pavlick; Mr. Simone; Mr. Terzian voted in the affirmative. Ms. Stone and Mr. Shuhi voted in the negative. There were no abstentions.

Bylaw # 9272 Code of Conduct on Data Use – return to Policy Committee.

b. **First Reading**

i. **Policy # 9500 Internal Board Operations and Bylaws of the Board – return to BOE for second reading.**

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to move to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss:
a. Personnel Matter: Review of Nonrenewal Recommendations
   b. Litigation

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

**Executive Session**

Present were: Ms. Carr, Chair; Mr. Clock; Mr. Simone; Mr. Terzian; Mr. Falcetti; Mr. Shuhi; Ms. Stone; Mr. Morosani (by phone); and Mr. Pavlick.

Superintendent Turner was invited to attend.

Superintendent Turner left at 8:20 p.m.

Returned to public session at 9:00 p.m.

**MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Clock:** to move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statues Section 10-151, the Litchfield Board of Education non-renew the teacher contracts discussed in Executive Session at the end of the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and ratify, adopt, and accept the Superintendent’s determination that the contract be non-renewed.

   **MOTION carried.** All votes were in the affirmative except Mr. Simone, who voted Nay. There were no abstentions.

   **MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Ms. Stone:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew B. Terzian, Secretary
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary