A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the L.C.S. gym.

Present were: Ms. Carr, Chairperson; Mr. Clock; Mr. Falcetti; Mr. Morosani; Mr. Pavlick; Mr. Shuhi; Mr. Simone; and Mr. Terzian.

Absent was: Ms. Stone

Also present were: Superintendent Turner; Mr. Fiorillo; Ms. Kubisek; Mr. Ammary; Dr. Pascento; and members of the public.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Clock: to add to the agenda as item VI e. a discussion on waiving tuition request.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Clock: to add to the agenda as item VI f. a discussion of L.C.S. Principal Replacement process.

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 item X b. Executive Session a discussion of litigation issues.

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Pavlick: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2018 with the following corrections on page 3710 indent first 3 paragraphs; first Motion change “Ms. Carr” to “Mr. Simone,” and on page 3717 change “Policy;” to “Policy:.”

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

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Pavlick: approve the payment of FY 2017-18 invoices on Accounts Payable warrant # 2018-21 dated 5/17/2018 in the amount of $117,817.34; and Food Service warrant dated 5/16/2018 in the amount of $7,906.18.

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
   ➢ Ms. Tenney commented on: lap tops for teachers; issues with desktops; privacy issues; limits with one device; advantages of laptops; input from administrator; zero increase budget limiting; losing personnel; moving backwards; implications in instruction; teachers job not solely in classroom; data teaming; portable data; contents on laptop; mobile classroom; google classroom; time at home on laptop; reduced productivity; one to one learning; strategic plan for technology; and align resources for laptops.
f. Correspondence-
   ➢ Email from Diane Wilson re: Myles’s story to be shared with Reading Consultants.
   ➢ Email from Caroline Wilcox re: Reading Audit.
   ➢ Thank you note for flowers from Nurses.
   ➢ Thank you notes for flowers from Administrators Assistants.
g. Administrators’ Report –
   ➢ Mr. Ammary reported: Isabella from Ms. Johnson’s class writing award; updates on enrichment activities; large list of activities; 3rd week of SBAC testing; and 3rd grade transition activities.
   ➢ Dr. Pascento reported: appreciate all the staff, support services, students and Board members in helping in his recovery from surgery; present vision of LIS at next Board meeting; finished with testing; field trips planned; 5th and 6th grade music students attended festival last Friday; chaperones attended; end of year happenings and thanks to staff for keeping things going in his absence.
   ➢ Ms. Kubisek reported: CAS awards Thomas Gostkowski and Kadija Crapo; Smarter Balance Testing updates; MAP student reports sent out; 8th grade NGSS field test next week; band and chorus Pops Concert June 11th; Teacher Appreciation week last week; Climate Team meeting; Second Step program; Booster Club Fun Night Friday; bake sale at Stop and Shop; 8th grade moving up on June 21 at 6:00 p.m.; transition for 6th graders and 8th graders ongoing.
Ms. Della Volpe reported: school to career update; career speakers; manufacturing tour; girls and boys’ tennis to Berkshire and state championships; art students to Met. in NYC; forensics class to CT Fire Academy; AP testing concluded; LSA Scholarship Breakfast, June 1st; NHS and NFLHS Induction May 24th; Celebration of Excellence on May 29th; Mabry Awards June 4th; Pops Concert June 11 and spring and senior sports awards, June 12th; Acts of Kindness Club activities; LHS Activity Fair; volunteer activities at soup kitchen; STPC organized teacher appreciation luncheon; and student council voter registration activities.

Mr. Fiorillo reported: busy time of year; Ad Hoc Committee meeting held – John to discuss later; town budget vote approved; thanked people involved with the Energy Star Award, discussed ongoing summer capital bid results; discussed roof leak at L.H.S., Mr. Morosani recommended reaching out to PW Director and roofing contractor to determine the cause; ECS funding for the Town of Litchfield discussed, will be increased by $93K from the governors proposed budget.

Old Business – none.

New Business

a. Tuition Student Request.

MOTION made by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Mr. Terzian: to waive tuition as requested by Lauryn Hartz for her child in first grade through the end of this school year.

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

b. Teacher Retirement.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and second by Mr. Clock: to accept Michele Mongeau’s retirement request with well wishes for future opportunities.

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

c. Administrator Resignation.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Terzian: to accept, with sadness, the resignation of Abe Ammary, Principal at L.C.S. effective July 1, 2018.

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

Superintendent Turner stated that Ms. Stone discussed the possible reorganization of the Curriculum Committee including: change format and structure.

Board members discussed: Board does not make curriculum; little knowledge of curriculum; issues with evaluating curriculum; need input from Ms. Stone; stay with old format now; evaluate whole curriculum; input from administrators and Board; sub-committee changes; possible issues with policy; and table until Ms. Stone is present.

e. Tuition Waiver.

   MOTION made by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Mr. Simone: to approve Adam Piechowski’s request to have his child attend L.I.S. starting 2018-2019 school.

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

f. Principal Replacement at L.C.S.

   Board members discussed the process in replacing L.C.S. Principal including the following: future reorganizing of system and administration needs; Board’s vision; whether or not to replace principal; schools should have an administrator; possible interim used; could save money; use someone already in system; possible change in system; vision, next year talk about reduction in administration; financial issues; different without administrator; if save money, could use to bring back teacher position that was cut; put L.C.S. in jeopardy for 2 years if you don’t have principal; need qualified person; impact on students; not worth saving money; need to further study vision.

   MOTION made by Mr. Clock and seconded by Mr. Terzian: to authorize the Superintendent to go forward to hire Principal at L.C.S.

   Board members discussed possible members to be a part of the hiring process.

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

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Turner distributed an outline and discussed: MAP testing results mailed to parents; next steps in process; collaboration meeting with Greenwoods and Prevention Council; parent workshops; Screenagers presentation; CSCI action plans; inclusion of Region 6; meeting in
July; District Data Dashboard postings; budget passed last week; thank Board for support; and audit to be done.

**Committee Reports**

Facilities and Technology – none

Curriculum, Program and Personnel - none

Finance – none

Policy – Policies to be discussed next

Collaboration - Mr. Morosani reported: met on Monday; discussed combining 2 health plans; limits involved; not easy to do; share classes; plan in place; coordinating schedules with 2 administrators; next year classes offered; plans for 2020; draft with Region 6; language in IEPs and 504s; look at before keep; what is the next phase for both Boards; votes 3 years ago; list of classes to be shared; UConn classes possible; and possible combined Board meetings soon.

**Policy Review**

a. **Review**
   i. Bylaws #9310 – Periodic Review of Policies and Bylaws – reviewed.

b. **First Reading**
   i. Bylaw # 9221 – Filling Vacancies - Board consensus to send back to Policy Committee.

c. **Second Reading**
   i. Policy # 5131.81 – Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy.

   **MOTION made by Mr. Clock and seconded by Mr. Terzian:** to approve Policy # 5131.81 Cell Phone/Electronic Devices as presented.

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

   ii. Bylaws # 9010 – Limits of Authority.

   **MOTION made by Mr. Clock and seconded by Mr. Terzian:** to approve Policy # 9010 – Limits of Authority as amended.
Board consensus was to send this back to Policy Committee for further review.

**MOTION withdrawn by Mr. Clock and seconded withdrawn by Mr. Terzian.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Clock: to move to Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss (a) Renewal of non-tenure teachers for the 2018-2019 school year and (b) pending legal action**

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

**Executive Session**

Present were: Ms. Carr, Chair; Mr. Simone; Mr. Terzian; Mr. Clock; Mr. Falcetti; Mr. Shuhi; Mr. Morosani; and Mr. Pavlick.

Superintendent Turner was invited to attend.

Returned to public session at 8:54 p.m.

**MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Simone: to approve the renewal of non-tenure teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**MOTION carried.** All votes were in the affirmative.

**MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew B. Terzian, Secretary
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary