

**LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield High School Library/Media Center.

Present were: Ms. Carr, Ms. Fabbri; Messrs. Clock, Falcetti, Shuhi, Simone and Waugh.

Excused were: Ms. Rosser and Mr. Bongiorno

Also present was: Dr. Pandiscio, Mr. Poole, Ms. Kubisek, Ms. Della Volpe, Ms. Mongeau, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Turner.

Mr. Simone reported that Litchfield High School is 164<sup>th</sup> in the country and 3rd in the State according to Newsweek.

**Approval of Minutes**

a. MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the minutes of regular meeting of September 17, 2014 with the following correction: on page 3294 the first motion should read “to approve the document that we received back from the State with their approval in which we had twice approved.”

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

b. MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Clock: to approve the minutes of regular meeting of October 1, 2014 with the following corrections: on page 3299 under “Superintendent’s Report” it should read “Mr. Waugh asked if the Tech Position...” and “Mr. Waugh also asked if information on the swimming...”; on page 3300 the discussion should read “Ms. Carr asked if tuition of all special services is paid by the school district” and “Nexus” should read “nexus”; and remove “Mr. Simone abstained” from the motion vote on both page 3300 and 3301.

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

**Approve Payment of Invoices**

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Shuhi: to approve the payment of FY 2014-15 invoices on Accounts Payable warrant dated 10/16/2014 in the amount of \$160,178.84.

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

### **Public Comment and Correspondence Communications**

- a. STPC – none  
PTO – Ms. Stone reported: school pictures at Center and L.I.S. taken, first general meeting well attended, fundraisers went well.
- b. LHS Student Council - none
- c. Litchfield Prevention Council: Mr. Waugh reported on upcoming program on prevention.
- d. Public comment
  - Ms. Stone commended L.I.S for cardboard project.
- e. Correspondence - none
- f. Administrators' Reports
  - Center School – had fire prevention program, started Literacy Volunteer Program again.
  - L.H.S. - Distracted Driving Program coming up, teacher goals are set, computer roll out going well, 2<sup>nd</sup> dance coming up.
  - L.I.S. – thanked firemen for program, grant from Litchfield Education Foundation of \$7,000 to fund Maker Space in library, thanked students, teachers and parents for cardboard projects, Juggling Program assembly took place today.
  - Finance Report
    - Ms. Carr – Financial Report estimates for the year questioned, also questioned Center School sidewalk project.
    - Mr. Waugh – questioned hiring for Technology Department – new hires are on board. Mr. Waugh requested clarity on how the department will function in the future.

**Superintendent's Report** – no questions

**Old Business** - none

### **New Business**

- a. Lacrosse and Swim Program – parents have been informed.
- b. Superintendent Search – two days, October 29 & 30, have been set up for the Board to interview candidates. Interviews will be done in executive session. Discussed procedures for follow-up interviews, Board of Education will select the model to be used.
- c. Survey Information – discussed the survey report of the Superintendent, discussed who should give the survey, a plan should be drawn up for implementation and distribution of results, Superintendent and staff would develop the plan for the Board of Education.

### **Committee Reports**

Curriculum, Programs and Personnel – Ms. Fabbri reported Center School, L.I.S. and L.H.S. overview of Language Arts curriculum, aligned with Core Curriculum, developing own

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Benchmarks, needs for classroom library books and funding for books for summer school, working on continuity between schools, L.I.S. needs book purchases also, L.H.S. needs educational assistants.

Finance Committee – did not meet.

Facilities and Technology – Mr. Shuhi reported that facilities update from Mr. Tofuri presented in detail, Center School phone project ongoing, discussed \$30K in Capital budget, need for electronic storage and film for windows for Security; will consult with Capital; discussed reworking policy on Technology.

Policy Committee - Ms. Carr reported the committee will meet October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Policies**

- a. Second Reading – Policy # 5145.12 Search and Seizure

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Waugh: to approve Policy # 5145.12 Search and Seizure.

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

**Education Connection Update** – Mr. Waugh reported second Mental Health session is upcoming, program on Common Core will be held.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Waugh: to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Falcetti, Secretary