

**LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 5, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield High School Library Media Center.

Present were Mr. Simone, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Bongiorno, Falcetti, Katzin, Shuhi and Waugh.

Also present were: Dr. Wheeler; Mr. Lathrop; Mr. Zaremski; Ms. Della Volpe; Ms. Murphy; Ms. Turner; Ms. Kubisek; the public and the press.

**Approve Minutes**

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the minutes of regular meeting May 15, 2013 with the following corrections on page 3134 include NHS induction ceremony under Ms. Kubisek's report and on the bottom of the same page in the last paragraph include "lacking original agreement" in the statement.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the minutes of special meeting May 22, 2013 as submitted.

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

**Approve Payment of Invoices**

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to approve payment of invoices for 2012-2013 as required.

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

**Public Comment and Correspondence**

- a. STPC – no report.  
PTO – no report.
- b. Student Council – no report.
- c. Other Public Comment
  - Ms. Carr commented on Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony; STPC presentation; and thanks to all for supporting student excellence.

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- Mr. Glander commented on votes in favor of budget; method of no confidence vote for Board member/members; cost of referendum and community concerns.
  - Mr. Sandrib commented on regionalization; and need to cut staff before programs.
  - Ms. Morgan commented on concerns about program cuts; curriculum is the responsibility of Superintendent and administrators; mobilizing parents.
  - Ms. Stone commented on need to make community aware of regionalization process; needs to benefit education and not just for cost cuts.
  - Mr. Simone commented on June 11<sup>th</sup> next meeting with Region 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Wamogo HS and is open to the public.
  - Ms. Carr commented on putting an update on school's website for community information.
  - Ms. Fabbri commented - congratulations to Ms. Della Volpe and Ms. Kubisek-LHS is recognized in "Newsweek" as one of the top high schools in the U.S.
  - Mr. Glander commented on concerns that some questions get comments back and forth from the Board members and his question was not allowed any comments.
- d. Correspondence
- Two letters from NEASC to L.I.S. and L.C.S. stating receipt of notification that the schools will be withdrawing from the organization and appreciation of the many years the schools have participated in the NEASC process.
- e. Administrators' Report
- Ms. Murphy – no report.
  - Ms. Della Volpe reported – Celebration of Excellence last night; Senior night this evening; High Meadows tomorrow; 7<sup>th</sup> grade meet and greet held last week with best attendance ever due to changes in publicity; event held for M.S. scholars; sports awards on the 13<sup>th</sup>; student council elections in progress; and safety event for seniors planned by Mr. Fowler with fire department cooperation where two dorm rooms were burned.
  - Mr. Lathrop reported – status of food service bid; possible alternatives for food service; wireless vendor communication; bids out regarding leasing computer devices and photo copiers.
  - Ms. Turner reported – grade level placements taking place; field day planned and Flag Day to be organized.
  - Mr. Zaremski reported – extended school year for some students will begin in July.

Superintendent's Report

- a. CAPSS Federal Relations Committee update- U.S. House of Representatives and Department of Agriculture regulations; effects of last year's policies; declining revenues in public schools; concerns over additional regulations being added; another unfunded mandate.
- b. ESEA reauthorization – reconfigure NCLB; add Science to standardized test.
- c. Mrs. Salinger sent sample pictures of the new murals painted by students from the art club to be displayed through the high school and Friday will be wear your art for

spirit day.

- d. Mr. Simone reported that the Board will participate in a retreat meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served.

Board members reviewed the Kindergarten registration numbers and will monitor over the summer.

### **New Business**

- a. Out of State Field Trip – Close-Up, Washington, D.C.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to approve the out of state field trip – Close-Up, Washington, D.C. for next school year.

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

- b. Vote to renew non-tenured teachers for 2013-2014 school year

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to support the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of the following non-tenured teachers for 2013-2014 – Emily Bernard, Erin Butler, Sarah McHugh, Kimberly Roe, Krista Beyer, Jose Cerra, Rebecca Duquette, Heidi Lechich, Melissa Michaud, Mark Obolewicz, Adam Piechowski, Paul Sanborn, Kimberly Thomson, Caitlin Van Stone, Gabriel Alejandro Alvarez, Shoshana Armington, Amy Bainbridge, David Constant, Ernesto Davila, Carrie Gibbs, John Kassay, James Parker, Peter Perkins Kerri Petti, Francesca Rivellini, Michael Roy, Alexander Schwartz, Jeffrey Sherman, and Debra Staffiere.

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

### **Committee Reports**

Curriculum, Programs and Personnel - Ms. Fabbri reported that the committee will meet on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> and the public is welcome

Facilities, Finances and Technology - Mr. Shuhi reported that the committee will meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> in a special meeting instead of on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss bid closings; report to Board on the 24<sup>th</sup>; only one bidder for food service; and need to get bid process covered in June meetings.

**Policies**

- a. First Reading – Policy # 1130 Board of Education Hearings – policy reviewed. Return for second reading at next regular Board meeting.
- b. First Reading – Policy # 5113.1 Work Permits – policy reviewed. Return for second reading at next regular Board meeting.
- c. Second Reading – Policy # 3323 Bid Requirements – policy reviewed. Board asked for time to review policy. Return for review at next regular Board meeting.
- d. Second Reading – Policy # 6153 Field Trips -

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve Policy # 6153 Field Trips as amended.

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

Board members were invited to attend the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding regionalization to be held at Wamogo High School.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Falcetti, Secretary  
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary