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**LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield High School Library Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Simone, Chair; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Stone; Mr. Bongiorno; Mr. Clock; Mr. Falcetti; and Mr. Pavlick.

Absent was: Mr. Shuhi

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

Mr. Simone read a statement in response to the Litchfield Concerned Parents meeting held at the Firehouse last Friday and included the following: use of a forum; personal view; responsible for operations; no representative from the Board; misconceptions; carrying out the business of the school; meetings are open to the public but are not an open meeting; no dialogue; public comment is available; response to questions made in timely manner; committed to high expectations; teach all students at high level; policies are available; sub-committee meetings are open; Superintendent and Board are a team; members committed to all students in district; difference between knowledge and understanding; can run for office; 3 seats open this election year; CAFE as resource; collaborate with public and staff; possible focus group needed; newsletter on website; process to follow with student concerns; teacher then administration then superintendent; actively improving school plan; and move forward to have a collaborative role with community.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2017 as submitted.

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

**Payment of Invoices**

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: approve the payment of FY 2016-17 invoices on Accounts Payable warrant # 2017-16 dated 2/2/2017 in the amount of \$90,366.41.

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

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

- a. STPC –none.  
PTO – none.
- b. LHS Student Council – none.
- c. Litchfield Prevention Council – none.
- d. Litchfield Education Foundation – Ms. Reidy reported on the following: fundraiser April 22<sup>nd</sup>; upcoming retro dodge ball tournament; open to all; launched “You make a difference,” parents make a donation in recognition of employee; input from arts director and possible art programs planned; enrichment; have more programs in schools; cooperation from Ms. Murphy and Ms. Turner as principals; and new ideas from Weston and Westport.
- e. Other public comment –
  - Mr. Hatfield commented: how to resolve issues from parents’ concerns and improve the schools with cooperation and communication.
- f. Correspondence-
  - Letter from Jodiann Tenney regarding the French program.
  - Letter from John Dufour regarding Bus Contract.
- g. Administrators’ Report
  - Mr. Ammary reported: Way to Grow started on Monday with 40 in attendance; and preschool and kindergarten registration on going.
  - Mr. Fiorillo reported: met at Finance Committee meeting on Monday; first budget workshop; status of oil bid; \$1.9025; year to date budget; status of nursing subs; possible service needed; high needs students; and no capital money for auditorium.
  - Ms. Della Volpe reported: Open Mic night to be held; ongoing course selection process; and feedback and proposal (handout) regarding French program.
  - Ms. Haggard reported: reviewed the handout distributed to Board members at the last meeting, updating the Special Services Department.
  - Ms. Murphy reported: art show at OWL Pre K- 6; Read Aloud day on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>; community members participate; thank you to volunteers; After School Arts program April 4<sup>th</sup> Waterbury Symphony Orchestra performing free of charge; and funding from the arts program grant.
  - Ms. Kubisek at CCSU so Superintendent Turner reported: competition at CCSU; SS teacher dressed as Ben Franklin; visit to Tapping Reeve Law School; have debates; “Call of the Wild” discussion at 9:30 on Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> next Fun Night; and sponsored by Student Council.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Turner reported on the following: midyear goal meetings with administrators; teacher goals; working on PD for Pre k – 12 for Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>; plan for teachers to walk away with something; district goals; SRBI consistency across the district; common forms needed; assessment for administrators and share between schools.

**Old Business** – none.

**New Business**

- a. School Fuel - Ms. Cook distributed a handout and reviewed the following: update of program; grant status; early readiness for students; use in preschool; \$15,000 grant given; how to develop good use of devices; scientific info; and screen time goals.

Ms. Bates reported: participation with families; include first 5 years; setting limits; screen time for families; model programs; interact with child; make connections; app learning; have 4 iPads in preschool; have 3 to rotate to families; build school community; and different settings for students.

Ms. Curtiss, parent, reported: son participating in pre-k program; parent does training; can take device home; parents get trained; then students trained; importance of sense of responsibility; love wide range of programs; art – music; get once every 3 weeks; kids get expert experience; science applications; can trace letters; try new things; sit and learn with kids; kids manipulating; engaged in learning; allow to explore; always safe explorations; see validity and thanks to the Board for supporting program.

Board members discussed the following: balancing screen time; information from studies needed; crossover status; information between grades; how well programs went; have ability to have devices; could bring it home and need to make it valuable.

**Committee Reports**

Curriculum, Programs and Personnel - Ms. Fabbri reported that the committee will meet tomorrow evening.

Facilities and Technology Committee - Mr. Bongiorno reported that no funding for auditorium from capital budget; sound system issues and needs to seek grant funding.

EdAdvance - Ms. Carr reported that the committee will meet tomorrow evening.

Policy – Committee met on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Policy Review**

- a. Review
  - i. Policy # 1110.1 Individual Student Concerns/Educational Concerns/Challenged Materials – policy reviewed. No changes.

- b. First Reading
  - i. Policy # 1110 Communications with the Public – no changes made. Return at next regular BOE meeting for Second Reading.
  - ii. Policy # 1110.1 Individual Student Concerns/Educational Concerns/Challenged Materials – no changes made. Return at next regular BOE meeting for Second Reading.
  - iii. Policy # 41118.112/4218.112 Sexual Harassment - no changes made. Return at next regular BOE meeting for Second Reading.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to move to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining issues.

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

### **Executive Session**

Present were: Mr. Simone, Chair; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Stone; Mr. Bongiorno; Mr. Clock; Mr. Falcetti; and Mr. Pavlick.

Invited to attend were Superintendent Tuner and Mr. Fiorillo.

Returned to public session at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Carr: to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Litchfield Board of Education and Local 1303-392 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

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

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