

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2011

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A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 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. Falcetti, Gorman, Katzin, Noone, and Shuhi.

Also present were: Dr. Wheeler; Mr. Buccitelli; Mr. Zaremski; Ms. Della Volpe; Ms. Longobucco; Ms. Kubisek; the public and the press.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Gorman: to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting July 13, 2011.
- b. Approve the payment of invoices for 2010-2011 budget as required.
- c. Approve the payment of invoices for 2011-2012 budget as required.
- d. Recommendation to Hire.
- e. Personnel Update.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. Ms. Carr and Mr. Noone abstained.

Public Comment and Correspondence

- a. STPC / PTO - Ms. Moore reported that the PTO is planning a parent's night out and back to school social.
- b. LHS Student Council – none
- c. Other Public Comment -
 - Mr. Murray commented on the choice of teachers used to interview technology candidate; and the student produced pamphlet on composting.
- d. Correspondence
 - Thank you notes from Andrew Lautz and Jessica Blasavage.
 - Emails between Dr. Wheeler and Representative Craig Miner.
 - Letters of support for Bill Dranginis including: Don Protzmann, Emily Protzmann, Paul Parsons, and Brian McCormick.

e. Administrators' Reports

Ms. Longobucco reported on the following activities at Center School: grass now planted in the back; Kindergarten Playscape installed; class list letters were sent home; and tile project almost complete.

Ms. Kubisek reported for Ms. Murphy that the Intermediate School will be hosting a scavenger hunt for the incoming 4th grade class on the August 24th.

Ms. Della Volpe reported on the following activities at the high school: August 25th new student orientation sponsored by the peer educators; and summer mailings for students and staff were sent out.

Dr. Wheeler reported on the facilities including: sidewalk repairs at Center School; kiln exhaust installation; handrail installation at Litchfield Intermediate School; sink in high school science lab installed; propane hot water heater to be installed this week; all windows washed; all floors waxed; and ready for school opening on August 31st.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wheeler reported on the following back to school activities and schedules:

- August 25th New Teacher Induction.
- August 26th Convocation, school faculty meetings.
- August 29th Instructional Practice workshops. Paraprofessionals and nurses PMT training.
- August 30th vertical scale score training. Paraprofessionals work with Gayle Martino: training in Autism Spectrum Disorders and behavior intervention strategies.
- Administrative Council held a retreat today to discuss the new bullying policy from the State and how to train the faculty and staff. The draft district plan will be brought to the Curriculum and Personnel Committee in October.
- Bus routes are complete and posted on the district website.

Old Business - noneNew Business

Board consensus was to change the November 16th meeting to November 30th and the December 7th meeting to December 14th. The new Board will be seated on November 30th.

Committee Reports -

Curriculum Committee - Ms. Fabbri reported that the committee discussed supplemental skills and test scores; Special Education review; strategic plans; new goals. The committee will meet again Thursday, August 11th. Future agenda items include Naviance update from guidance and curriculum writing.

Facilities and Technology - Mr. Shuhi reported the committee had a joint meeting with Finance Committee and met on July 18th and discussed the following: updates from Mr. Crowe; end of year funds. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 15th.

Policy Committee - Ms. Carr reported that the committee did not meet this month and will meet again in September.

Policies

MOTION made by Mr. Katzin and seconded by Mr. Shuhi: to accept the following policies as stated in the agenda:

- a. Policy #4118.15/4218.15 Family and Medical Leave.
- b. Policy #4118.16/4218.16 Policy Regarding Paid leaves for Primary Caregivers for Children.
- c. Policy #4118.21 Academic Freedom.
- d. Policy #4118.222/4218.222 Drug Free Workplace.
- e. Policy #5141.4/4118.25 Reporting of Child Abuse.
- f. Policy #4118.26/4218.26 Smoking Policy.
- g. Policy #4118.27/4218.27 Prohibitions on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs.
- h. Policy #5132 Dress and Grooming.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to move to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss strategies and negotiations with respect to pending claims and litigation.

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

Executive Session

Present were: Mr. Simone, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Falcetti, Gorman, Katzin, Noone, and Shuhi.

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Open session resumed at 7:45 p.m.

No action was taken.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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

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