

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2011

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield Intermediate School art room.

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

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

MOTION made by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to add to the consent agenda as II e. the resignation of Nick Primo as art teacher at the end of this school year.

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

Dr. Wheeler noted that this is recommended with regret and that Mr. Primo is leaving to attend a post-baccalaureate program in Maryland to further his education.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting April 6, 2011.
- b. Approve the Minutes of Special Meeting April 6, 2011.
- c. Approve the payment of invoices for 2010-2011 budget as required.
- d. Approve out of state field trip – Bodies Exhibit, New York City, NY.
- e. Approve the resignation of Nick Primo as art teacher at the end of the school year.

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

Public Comment and Correspondence

- a. STPC/PTO - Ms. Fabbri reported that the STPC will host a luncheon for the teachers at the high school on Thursday, May 5th and will host a pre-prom event at the Community Center from 5-6:30 on Saturday, May 14th.

- b. LHS Student Council - Jessica Blasavage reported on the student council activities at the high school.
- c. Public Comment - Mr. Sandrib commented on the budget process and suggested that the Board open communication earlier in the process with the Board of Finance.
- d. Correspondence - a thank you note from Center School secretaries, LHS secretaries, Central Office staff and Joanne Bertrand for flowers sent in honor of Administrative Professionals' Day.
- e. Administrators' Reports –
 - Mr. Zaremski distributed and discussed a report received from the Department of Education regarding “Students with Disabilities Grades K-12 – Prevalence Data.” Litchfield’s prevalence rate is well within the anticipated range at 10%.
 - Ms. Della Volpe: thank you to Jessica for representing the student council at the Board meetings and for her outstanding efforts with the student council; welcome to Joe Whibey for his election as the new president of the student council; the student council has successfully included all students in the school culture; Tyler Beaudoin, a student in Dr. McGoldrick’s class, will be recognized on NPR and will read on NPR; thank you to STPC for \$2,000 donation toward Rachel’s Challenge, an anti-bullying campaign that will be used next year; a Zumba fundraiser will be held in June to help defray the cost for the balance needed for the campaign; and teacher appreciation day carnival held this afternoon.
 - Ms. Murphy: Junior Achievement returns to the 6th grade covering finance issues; May 12th, 6th grade to visit 7th grade; May 16th shadow students; May 26th spring chorus and band concert; June 2nd incoming 4th graders visit; evening with parents of 4th graders that night; and June 16th moving up at 6 p.m. for 6th graders.
 - Ms. Longobucco: ACES was held May 4th supporting the healthy living team; PTO held a breakfast May 3rd and will hold a luncheon May 4th; art show opening May 5th at OWL for grades K-6; Kindergarten registration to be held May 18 - 19th; trip to Norman Rockwell museum; and Rochelle Clementson’s tile project to be completed for the second floor over the summer.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wheeler reported on the following:

- Administrative Assistant week April 25-29th.
- Teacher Appreciation week May 1-6th.
- National School Nurses Day – May 11th.
- A meeting is being scheduled with the town to review the lease-purchase agreement for the bus contract.
- Proposal for school garden at Center School to be tied into the asphalt removal project to be presented at the next Facilities Committee meeting on May 16th.

New Business

Mr. Simone reminded Board members that the budget will go to a vote on May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

- Curriculum and Personnel - Ms. Fabbri reported that the committee will meet Thursday, May 12th.
- Finance - Mr. Noone reported that the committee met on April 25th and discussed the bus contract; CIRMA information; Mr. Buccitelli reported on the athletic account balance; and a discussion of the outcome from the Board of Finance meeting on April 27.

Policies

Mr. Simone tabled VIII f. Policy #5127.1.

MOTION made by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve Policy # 1212 School Volunteers as presented.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Mr. Gorman: to approve Policy # 3323 Bid Regulations as presented.

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

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MOTION made by Mr. Shuhi and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve Policy # 3524.2 Green Cleaning Program as presented.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve Policy # 4111/4211 Recruitment and Selection as presented.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Gorman and seconded by Mr. Noone: to approve Policy # 4111.4 Administrative Vacancies as presented.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Gorman: to approve Policy #9500 Philosophy and Bylaws of the Board of Education as presented.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative except Mr. Shuhi who voted in the negative. There were no abstentions.

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to move to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Dr. Wheeler was invited to join the meeting.

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

Executive Session

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

Open session resumed at 8:23 p.m.

No action was taken.

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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

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