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LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield High School Library Media Center.

Present were: Mr. Shuhi, Vice-chair; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Mr. Bongiorno and Mr. Falcetti.

Absent were: Ms. Rosser; Mr. Simone; Mr. Clock; and Mr. Waugh.

Also present were: Superintendent McMullin; Mr. Poole; Ms. Mongeau; Ms. Della Volpe; Ms. Murphy; Ms. Turner; Ms. Kubisek; and members of the public.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to add to the agenda as VII b. a discussion of recommendation to hire.

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

Approve Minutes

MOTION made by Ms. Fabbri and seconded by Ms. Carr: to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2015 with the following corrections: on page 3327 in last paragraph add \$336.00; on page 3329 last paragraph change “ability” to “authority,” on page 3330 under Finance letter change “Bloom” to “Blum,” and on page 3332 have page number moved to the top of the page.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Carr: to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 22, 2015 as submitted.

MOTION failed. All votes were in the affirmative. Mr. Bongiorno abstained.

Table until quorum can be met.

Approve Payment of Invoices

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Bongiorno: to approve payment of FY 2014-15 invoices on Accounts Payable warrant dated 2/5/2015 in the amount of \$180,099.50.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve the payment of FY 2014-15 invoices on Food Service warrant dated 2/5/2015 in the amount of \$35,714.37.

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

Public Comment and Correspondence Communications

- a. STPC – none.
PTO none.
- b. LHS Student Council – none.
- c. Litchfield Prevention Council – none.
- d. Other Public Comment – none.
- e. Correspondence – none.
- f. Administrators report.
 - Ms. Turner reported: at present, 49 Kindergarteners enrolled; enrollment ended 2 weeks ago; continue to advertise; 2nd Common Core parent workshop next Thursday on “Reading for Information,” book club started; *Charlotte’s Web* chosen; high school students participating reading chapters and acting chapters; info on website; next Wednesday CT Read Aloud day.
 - Mr. Poole reported: attached “Aggregate Spending by Building” requested by state; expenditures in each building less Special Education costs; posted on website.

Board members discussed: actual amounts when calculated should be different from reported amounts which are the same for each building; amounts for ED001; Special Educations costs should also be different; and Art will review and an updated report to be sent out by email.

- Ms. Della Volpe reported: introduced Ms. Scozzafava to update Board on NEASC Self-Study process including: accreditation visit in March; 2 years’ work in progress; written narrative reports; 7 Standards; evidence; student examples of student work were evaluated; core values; staff, parents, community members and Board members included in opening day; arrival of evaluators Sunday, March 15th, Kate Crowe second chairperson; Board members invited to participate;

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formal reception; parent meetings; staff meetings; at LHS for 3 days; make commendations and recommendations; follow up report due 2 years after visit; thanks for support and save the date.

- Ms. Murphy reported: “Read Aloud Day” next Wednesday; thanks to Northwest Chamber of Commerce; next Tuesday P.D. will be UConn research group to present strategies for visual literacy; and when to use skim and scanning vs. more analytical reading.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent McMullin reported: Technology Grant completed on time; High School students’ art display at Central Office; art show at OWL for a full month for Center School and LIS students; CS PTO meeting attended on January 29th; discussed math curriculum, technology and how snow days called; attended CS faculty meeting yesterday; Math Curriculum Committee meetings next Tuesday, February 10th and Wednesday the 11th; discuss two different Pearson products; *Investigations* on Tuesday and *enVision* on Wednesday; 12 people on committee; possible district visits; possible two additional programs in March; we’ve had and 2 more snow days so last day of school is Thursday, June 18th.

Old Business- none.

New Business

a. Out of State Field Trip

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to approve Composer Clinic at Northwestern High School with field trip to Six Flags New England in Agawam, MA, on May 8, 2015.

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

b. Recommendation to Hire

Superintendent McMullin presented a recommendation to hire Ms. Staffiere to teach 7th and 8th grade French and to oversee the online course work for grades 9-12.

MOTION made by Mr. Bongiorno and seconded by Ms. Carr: to approve Ms. Staffiere to teach 7th and 8th grade French and to oversee the online course work for grades 9-12.

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

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Committee Reports

Finance - Mr. Shuhi reported that the committee will meet Tuesday the 10th.

Facilities and Technology - Mr. Bongiorno reported that the meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Policies – none

MOTION made by Mr. Bongiorno and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

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