

LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2015
LCS Library – 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Nicholson, Deanna Lothrop, Kathy Dyer, Terry Countryman, Brian Peters, Scott Rickett, and Lynn Reichert

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Cammy Morrison, Pat Gibbons, Barry Davis, Sandy Rooney, and Sherri Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Bariteau, Heather Wiley, and Tanner Wiley

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion for approval of the following items as listed under the CONSENT AGENDA is made by Kathy Dyer, and seconded by Lynn Reichert - Motion is approved 7-0.

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - July 9, 2015 - Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Buildings and Grounds requests:
 - LCS gymnasium – Cornell Extended Day Program – August 11, 2015 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Fall registration
 - LCS cafeteria/kitchen - Cornell Extended Day Program – September 30, 2015 – 4:30 – 6:30 PM – Family Event Night
 - LCS gymnasium - Cornell Extended Day Program – October 21, 2015 – 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Family Event Night
 - LCS stage/classroom – Booster Club – November 16-18, 2015 – 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM – Elves Corner
3. Conferences and Workshops:
 - Daniel Lawson – Social Studies Roundtable – JLB Administration Bldg. – August 12, 2015
 - Katie Perkins – Formative Assessment – Strategies and Understanding – JLB - August 21, 2015
 - Beverly Perry – Effective Teaching I - JLB – August 17-21, 2015
 - Michele Bariteau – RAD Music – JLB – September 21, 2015 and October 8, 2015
 - Michele Bariteau – Music Roundtable – JLB – September 18, 2015 and January 8, 2016, and April 18, 2016
 - Ashley Buckley – CSE/CPSE Chairperson Training – Costello Transportation Center – September 28-30, 2015
4. Financial Reports: July, 2015
 - General Fund Warrant #1
 - General Fund #24
 - School Lunch Warrant #1
 - Federal Fund Warrant #1
 - Treasurer Report – June, 2015

REGULAR AGENDA

Other Discussion and Action

1. Public Comments – Heather Wiley, in regard to: Her son, Tanner, attending Lyme Central for the 2015-16 school year.
2. Ongoing Agenda Items:
 - Building Use: Zumba – legalities of a profit making program using a tax payer facility.
 - Information regarding dollar amount received for free and reduced lunches.
3. Board Information –
 - Letter from Senator Patty Ritchie regarding LCS Marching Band Funding in the amount of \$5,000.00
 - Letter from Gov. Cuomo regarding submission of an Emergency Response Plan
4. Board Action –
Approval of the revised Lyme Central School 2015-16 Calendar with the removal of a ½ day Superintendent Conference Day on 10/9/15, and the addition of a full day Superintendent Conference Day on 10/21/15 at General Brown for a motivational speaker.

Motion for approval by Brian Peters, seconded by Deana Lothrop, with motion approved 7-0.

5. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resolution is offered by Terry Countryman, and seconded by Kathy Dyer, to wit:

The question of the adoption of the following resolution is duly put to a roll-call vote as follows:

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| Gary Nicholson | Voting | Yes |
| Deanna Lothrop | Voting | Yes |
| Kathy Dyer | Voting | Yes |
| Lynn Reichert | Voting | Yes |
| Scott Rickett | Voting | Yes |
| Brian Peters | Voting | Yes |
| Terry Countryman | Voting | Yes |

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Lewis Hamilton Herkimer Oneida BOCES ("BOCES") received a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") to study the feasibility of, and if feasible, to determine the best option for the installation of solar photo voltaic arrays on school and municipal property to reduce those entities electrical energy costs; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of said study is to determine how to structure a solar energy program in such a way that participants in the program will be able to function as a group, as opposed to acting individually, thereby saving additional money by being able to install larger solar arrays and by pursuing, taking advantage of and receiving volume discounts; and

WHEREAS, another primary goal of said study is to determine how best to take advantage of Federal tax credits and Remote Net Metering Credits (RNM) that are presently available to further maximize savings in energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the BOCES has undertaken the aforementioned study, via meeting with, consulting, and/or hiring various solar consultants, solar developers, engineers, legal counsel, energy suppliers, and other related professionals with experience in the solar and utility industries, as well as the State Education Department, to determine a means by which the BOCES, its component districts, and other interested regional municipal entities can best take advantage of their common desire to reduce their electrical energy costs; and

WHEREAS, at a presentation held on June 11, 2015, attended by various school districts and other regional municipal entities interested in the possibility of reducing their electrical energy costs, the BOCES, its legal counsel and its consultants presented the preliminary results of the BOCES study; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary results indicated that the estimated savings per kilowatt hour would be .04 cents, which represented approximately a 40% reduction in present energy costs, and that the best means by which the BOCES, interested school districts and regional municipal entities could take advantage of the potential savings offered by a solar energy program was to form and then join an energy consortium, to be established via an inter-municipal agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York State Municipal Law, the details of which were explained by BOCES legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, it was further explained that the proposed consortium would be an independent entity, managed and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of a designated representative from each member of the consortium, and an Executive Board elected by the Board of Directors, similar to the Jefferson-Lewis et al Healthcare Plan, rather than being operated by the BOCES; and

WHEREAS, it was further explained that executing the proposed inter-municipal agreement simply preserved an interested entity's right to participate in the consortium, without committing it to anything further, thereby presenting no risk whatsoever to any interested participant; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the BOCES proposed the formation of the Tri-County Alternative Energy Cooperative ("Co-op," or "Consortium"), to be controlled as set forth above, which an interested entity could join via the execution of an inter-municipal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the BOCES urged that any interested parties execute the aforementioned agreement in the near future, as time was of the essence in terms of commencing the project in order to meet the December 31, 2016, operational deadline to take full advantage of the tax credits that are presently available; and

WHEREAS, the District is interested in the possibility of reducing its electrical energy costs and is desirous of joining the Consortium to further explore the same.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute an inter-municipal agreement on behalf of the District, whereby the District will become a member of the Tri-County Alternative Energy Cooperative.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

6. Board Action –

Approval of the 2015-2016 Tax Levy in the amount of \$62,817.00

Motion for approval by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Scott Rickett, with motion approved 7-0.

7. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education takes action to approve the shared Food Service between General Brown Central School District, Lyme Central School District, Superintendent of Schools, James Nevers - Food Service Director, and Chris Crouse - Cafeteria Manager - effective date September 1, 2015.

Motion for approval by Kathy Dyer, seconded by Scott Rickett, with motion approved 7-0.

8. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education takes action to approve the appointment of Eleanor VanNess as the Ticket salesperson for the 2015-16 Basketball season.

Motion for approval by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Brian Peters, with motion approved 7-0.

9. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education takes action to approve the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Village of Chaumont and Lyme Central School District through December 31, 2015.

Motion for approval by Scott Rickett, seconded by Lynn Reichert, with motion approved 7-0.

WHEREAS, this agreement made pursuant to General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the taxpayers of the Village and School District to share resources in the undertaking of various services and projects and the parties agree that it would be in both party's best interest to establish a cooperation agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to make equipment and/or personnel available for use by others when it is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that assistance, in whatever form, will be reciprocal and roughly equal over a period of time, and that the exchange and sharing of equipment and personnel will result in more cost effective work performance at minimal extra cost to either party; and

WHEREAS, flexibility in operating local government and their various service programs is necessary to insure efficiency and maximum benefits at minimal cost; and

WHEREAS, the Village has authorized its Mayor and DPW Superintendent and the School District has authorized its Superintendent to act using their discretion pursuant to this Agreement with board approval; and

WHEREAS, general oversight and final authority, including over those matters generally within the respective parties' authority when within the municipal/ district territorial boundaries, will be accomplished through regular reports by each respective party to his/her respective Board for direction and response as applicable.

10. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education takes action to recognize the reduction of 1 FTE Music Teacher position to .5.

Motion for approval by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Kathy Dyer, with motion approved 7-0.

11. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education takes action to recognize the reduction of 2 Spanish Teacher positions from .5 each, to one .78 position.

Motion for approval by Kathy Dyer, seconded by Scott Rickett, with motion approved 7-0.

12. Board Action –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education takes action to increase the School Lunch Fees (.25) for the 2015-2016 school year: Elementary Lunch - \$2.00, High School Lunch - \$2.50.

Motion for approval by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Lynn Reichert, with motion approved 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - For information only

- 13. Superintendent Report
- 14. Director of Pupil Services Report (Verbal)
- 15. Principal Report (Verbal)
- 16. School Business Report

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - For information only

- 17. Correspondence Log
- 18. Calendar of Events: August 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion for approval was made by Lynn Reichert, seconded by Deanna Lothrop, to enter into executive session to discuss CSE, Particular Persons and Personnel. With motion approved 7 - 0. Time entered, 6:59 PM.

RETURN to REGULAR MEETING:

Motion for approval was made by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Brian Peters, to reconvene to the regular meeting, with motion approved 7 - 0. Time returned, 8:23 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION

19. Board Action - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lyme Central School District Board of Education takes action to:

- Decrease 1.0 Music Teacher position to .5 – effective September 2, 2015
- Decrease two .5 Spanish positions to one .78 position – effective September 2, 2015

Motion for approval by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Kathy Dyer, with motion approved 7-0.

20. Board Action - Personnel Changes as listed:

A motion for approval of the following PERSONNEL CHANGES with effective dates as listed under RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION is made by Deanna Lothrop, and seconded by Lynn Reichert.

Motion is approved 7-0.

- (A) Retirements: None at this time
- (B) Resignations as listed: None at this time
- (C) Appointments as listed:

| Name | Position | Annual Salary / Rate of Pay | Probationary Tenure Track Appointment (if applicable) | Effective Date |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Helen Timerman | .5 Music Teacher | | N/A | September 2, 2015 |
| Julianne Oliver | .78 Spanish Teacher | | N/A | September 2, 2015 |

(D) PAID Coaching Appointments as listed:

| Name | Fall 2015 Sports | Coaching Certification |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Jennifer Sosa | Modified Girls' Basketball | |

Coaches possess the following [as mandated by NYSED]:

- Teaching Certificate: Child Abuse / School Violence / DASA / First Aid / CPR / Concussion Workshop / Fingerprint Clearance *
- Temporary Coaching License 2nd-4th Renewal: Child Abuse / School Violence / DASA / First Aid / CPR / Concussion Workshop / Philosophies & Principals / Theories and Techniques [sport specific] / Health Sciences / Fingerprint Clearance ****

21. Board Action - Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools – WHEREAS, on behalf of the Lyme Central School District, two sets of the following prospective employees' fingerprints for employment have been submitted to SED, along with the signed Consent Form, and a request for conditional clearance. The following employees have received FINAL CLEARANCE from SED:

- **Helen Timerman** - Teacher
- **Julianne Oliver** - Teacher
- **Jennifer Sosa** - Coach

Motion for approval by Brian Peters, seconded by Kathy Dyer, with motion approved 7-0.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING *September 10, 2015 – 6:00 PM – LCS Library*

22. Building Use: Zumba – Legalities of a profit making program using a tax payer facility.
Information regarding dollar amount received for free and reduced lunches.

Motion for Adjournment: There being no further business or discussion, a motion is requested to adjourn the regular meeting.

Motion for approval by Deanna Lothrop, seconded by Scott Rickett, with motion approved 7-0. Time adjourned: 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sherri Wilson - District Clerk

- Supporting documents may be found in supplemental file dated, August 13, 2015