

LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 12, 2023
LCS Library – 6:00 PM

Call to Order by Deanna Lothrop, Board of Education President, at 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

MISSION STATEMENT

Preparing Today's Students to be Tomorrow's Citizens.

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deanna Lothrop, President
Lynn Reichert
Shauna Dupee
Ray McIntosh
Sherri Wilson, District Clerk

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Kathy Gardner
Jon LaFontaine
Scott Rickett

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Patricia Gibbons, Superintendent
Christopher Marshall, Principal/Athletic Director
Deborah Wilkinson, Curriculum & Data Coordinator
Ariana Morrison, District Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Ditch; Christina Trottier; Shirley Williams; Dominic D'Imperio; Madilynn Graham; Nicole Hager; Makenna Potter; Adrianna Getman; Latesha Getman; Haley Tefft; Renee Pettet; Kristyn Potter; Marcus Wilson; Cheryl Wilson; Nicole Graham; Benjamin Graham; Paige Tefft; Paul Ososkalo; Jameson Trottier; Greyson Trottier

PRESENTATIONS: Angel Tree Project

Mrs. Tammy Ditch and several of her fifth grade students presented a power point slide show on the annual Angel Tree Project and field trip. Mrs. Ditch reviewed the purpose of the Angel Tree Project and detailed how the students participate, and the various learning opportunities it provides. Students raised funds to purchase Christmas gifts for local families in need. They managed the collection and shopping budget and tracked their purchases for the project. Following their shopping trip, the students visited the Sci-Tech Center where they took part in many exciting hands-on exhibits in the field of science.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion for approval of the following items as listed under the CONSENT AGENDA is made by Lynn Reichert, and seconded by Shauna Dupee. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

1. Approval of Minutes:

- December 15, 2022 - Regular Meeting

2. Approval of Buildings and Grounds requests:

- None at this time

3. Conferences and Workshops:

- **Feb. 7, 2023:** CTE Applied Academics Day, B. Faulknham – JL BOCES – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

4. Approval of Financial Reports:

- School Business Report – (Verbal)
- Treasurer's Report, November 2022
- General Fund Warrant #21
- General Fund Supplemental Warrant #19
- School Lunch Fund Warrant #7
- Federal Fund Warrant #5

REGULAR AGENDA

Other Discussion and Action

1. **Public Comments:** None at this time
2. **Ongoing Agenda Items:** None at this time
3. **Board Information:**
 - **Jan. 16, 2023:** Martin Luther King Day, school closed
 - **Jan. 19, 2023:** BOE Policy Committee Meeting – 3:30 4:00 PM (per Mrs. Lothrop’s request)
 - **Feb. 3, 2023:** *Reminder* – JLSBA Legislative Forum – JL BOCES, Conference rooms A & B – 3:00 PM
 - **Feb. 9, 2023:** BOE Finance Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM (March meeting will be at 5:00 PM per Mrs. Morrison’s request)
 - **Feb. 16, 2023:** BOE Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting – 5:00 PM
4. **Board Information, LCS Events:**
 - **Dec. 22, 2022:** Student Council Fundraiser, S. Doney – Candy-Grams – Cafeteria – 11:20 AM -12:40 PM
 - **Dec. 23, 2022:** Student Council Fundraiser, S. Doney – Hot Cocoa Stand, Gr. 7-12 – Lobby – 1:00-2:00 PM
 - **Dec. 23, 2022:** Student Council Fundraiser, S. Doney – Ping-Pong – Cafeteria – 1:00-3:00 PM
 - **Jan. 11, 2023:** Gr. 10 Field Trip, T. LaVancha – JL BOCES Programs Visit – 9:00 -11:00 AM
 - **Jan. 21, 2023:** Drama Club Rehearsals, L. Martineau – LCS Gym/Stage – 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
 - **Jan. 23 – Feb. 6, 2023:** Class of 2028 Fundraiser, S. Doney – Poppin Popcorn Sales – LCS
 - **Jan. 28, 2023:** Student Council Fundraiser, K. Aubertine - Gr. 7-12 Winter Ball – LCS Gym – 7:00-10:00 PM
5. **Board Action:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyme Central School Board of Education takes action to approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and/or the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion for approval by Lynn Reichert, seconded by Shauna Dupee. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Principal/Athletic Director Report, Mr. Christopher Marshall
Curriculum & Data Coordinator Report, Mrs. Deborah Wilkinson
Superintendent Report, Ms. Patricia Gibbons
School Health Report, Mrs. Justine Dowe, RN
Transportation Report, Mr. Jacob Phelps

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Correspondence Log: Following meeting held on December 15, 2022
7. Calendar of Events: January 2023
8. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, February 9, 2023**
 - No items noted

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION

9. **Board Action:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyme Central School District Board of Education takes action to:

 - **Appoint one (1) Substitute Cleaner**
 - **Appoint one (1) Substitute Cafeteria Laborer**
 - **Appoint one (1) FTE Living Environment Science Teacher**
 - **Appoint one (1) Substitute Teacher**

Motion for approval by Ray McIntosh, seconded by Lynn Reichert. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

10. **Board Action:** Personnel Changes as listed
BE IT RESOLVED that the Lyme Central School District Board of Education takes action to approve the following PERSONNEL CHANGES with effective dates as listed under RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION, motion is made by Shauna Dupee, and seconded by Lynn Reichert. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

(A) Retirements: None at this time

(B) Resignations as listed:

(C) Appointments as listed:

Name	Position	Annual Salary / Rate of Pay	Probationary Tenure Track Appointment (if applicable)	Effective Date
Cory Bell	Substitute Cleaner	\$13.20 per hour - \$14.20 per hour as of Jan.1, 2023	N/A	Retroactive – 12/20/22
Amber Collins	Substitute Cafeteria Laborer	\$14.20 per hour	N/A	January 13, 2023
Karlie Maloney	1 FTE Living Environment Science Teacher	Step 2A: \$50,615, Pro-rated based on effective start date (TBD)	4 yr. probationary TenureTrack – dates TBD	TBD
Christianne Cricket Gray	Substitute Teacher – pending fingerprint clearance	4 Yr. NYS Certified: \$135 per day	N/A	January 13, 2023

11. 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:

- **Amber Collins – Substitute Cafeteria Laborer**
- **Karlie Maloney – Living Environment Science Teacher**

Motion for approval by Ray McIntosh, seconded by Lynn Reichert. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Ray McIntosh, seconded by Shauna Dupee, to enter into executive session for the discussion of litigation strategies regarding a specific legal matter. The board may decide to vote on approving a particular agreement after executive session depending on the advice and discussion from executive session.
Motion approved 4 – 0. Time entered, 6:30 PM.

RETURN to REGULAR MEETING:

Motion was made by Ray McIntosh, seconded by Lynn Reichert, to adjourn the executive session and reconvene to the regular meeting with motion approved 4 – 0. Time returned, 7:23 PM.

13. Executive Session Recommendations/Board Action:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Lyme Central School District Board of Education takes action to approve the following four (4) resolutions regarding the five (5) Education Contribution Agreement(s) between the Lyme Central School District and Convergent for NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC; NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC; NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC; NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC; NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1
Lyme Central School District**

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District Opting In To The Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law Section 487

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 487 allows school districts to opt out of the Tax Exemption granted to certain types of renewable energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Lyme Central School District (the “District”) has previously opted out of Section 487, thereby rendering said facilities fully taxable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is reconsidering the opt out from Section 487, in light of solar energy systems projects proposed by NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is the best interest of the District to opt back in to Real Property Tax Law Section 487, granting a tax exemption to said projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District, as follows:

1. The Lyme Central School District hereby revokes its right to opt out of Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law authorizing said facilities covered by said laws to be tax exempt in accordance with said section.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Office of Real Property Services.
3. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District on the 12th day of January, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2
Lyme Central School District

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District Authorizing Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes Agreements and Education Contribution Agreements with NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC.

WHEREAS, NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC (collectively, the “Companies”) has each proposed a solar energy systems project, with NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC’s projects consisting of approximately five (5) megawatts ac of electric power; NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC’s project consists of approximately three (3) megawatts ac of electric power; and all five projects are located on certain real property in the Lyme Central School District (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law, the District is authorized to enter into Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement with parties constructing facilities eligible for a tax exemption under said section; and

WHEREAS, each Company has additionally offered to donate funds to the District to provide further financial benefits to the District in the form of an Education Contribution Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District, as follows:

1. The Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest of the District to enter into PILOT Agreements with NSF Chaumont Site 1, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 2, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 3, LLC, NSF Chaumont Site 4, LLC, and NSF Chaumont Site 5, LLC and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Lyme Central School District to take all necessary steps to execute each PILOT Agreement.

2. The Board of Education hereby approves the Education Contribution Agreements and authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Lyme Central School District to take all necessary steps to execute each Education Contribution Agreement.

3. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District on the 12th day of January, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 3
Lyme Central School District

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF LYME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING
DISTRICT COUNSEL REVIEW OF EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS FOR
SIGNATURE AND APPROVAL**

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the Educational Contribution Agreements between the District, the Northern New York Community Foundation, and the NSF Chaumont Sites 1 through 5, after final review and approval of the District’s counsel.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District on the 12th day of January, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 4
Lyme Central School District

**Resolution of the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District Opting Out of the Tax
Exemption Under Real Property Law Section 487**

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 487 allows school districts to opt out of the Tax Exemption granted to certain types of renewable energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Lyme Central School District (the “District”) has previously opted in to Section 487, thereby rendering said facilities eligible for a payment in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is reconsidering the opt in from Section 487, and the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to opt out of the Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District, as follows:

1. The District hereby invokes its right to opt out of Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law and the tax exemption granted by said section.

2. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Office of Real Property Services.

3. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the Lyme Central School District on the 12th day of January, 2023.

Motion for approval by Lynn Reichert, seconded by Ray McIntosh. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

Motion for Adjournment:

There being no further business or discussion, a motion is requested adjourn the regular meeting.

Motion for approval by Shauna Dupee, seconded by Ray McIntosh. Motion is approved 4 – 0.

Time adjourned: 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sherri Wilson - District Clerk

- Supporting documents may be found in supplemental file dated, January 12, 2023
- All minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Education