

**LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: William Meese, John Konow, Sarah Haynes, Matthew Smith, Mark DeCaprio, Nicole McGillicuddy, Alexis Margerelli-Hussey and Maureen McCall

Also Present: Superintendent Robert Angeli, Principal James Apicelli, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Curriculum Director, Jacques Dulac, IT Director and Kathleen Smith, Selectman

- I. Call to Order – The Chair, Bill Meese, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Superintendent's Update on the COVID-19 situation.
 - Chairman's thoughts: we should only meet when we need to and consider the risk, look to the government for directions and play each situation by ear.
 - Current Situation - Superintendent Angeli noted that the situation is ever changing with Governor Lamont publishing updates often. The latest is that schools have been given a waiver on the 180-day rule for number of school days and that districts should, as best as can be done, have distance learning implemented. He expects more updates as the situation warrants and there is a scheduled call for Friday at 5:00 P.M.
 - Alternative Learning - Superintendent Angeli has been working with administration and the teaching staff and going forward, children will be taking their Chromebooks home (Go Guardian will be installed if possible where not currently installed) and teachers will be available during the normal planned early closure hours: Lyman High – normal opening to 11:55, Lebanon Middle School – normal opening to 12:10, Lebanon Elementary School, K to 4th – normal opening to 1:05, AM Pre-K – normal 8:35 to 10:45 and PM Pre-K – 10:45 to 1:05. If this changes, everyone will be notified. There are issues still to be ironed out such as grading, etc. Teachers are collaborating to make sure they have emails for all parents and many have already been putting together packets for the children.
 - The CT Commissioner of Education is giving districts leeway in graduation and attendance requirements and waiving chronic absenteeism. The governor has put the state in full emergency status.
 - Free meals will be available to all students and also to children living in the same home if they are under 18. Two meals each day will be available to be picked up at Lyman High (courtyard at the right of the entrance) beginning on Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 and on Thursday, two days of meals will be available followed by two days of meals on Monday and Wednesday next week and meals for one day on Friday. This will

continue until we can no longer accommodate this. They will be cold meals and comply with health laws as much as possible.

- Twelve month employees will continue to report to work (administration, custodians, secretaries and technicians).
- MOU – no one is being laid off and we will maintain the payroll. There is constructive work that needs to be done but if this situation lasts too long and we are no longer able to engage the employees in the education process, then we will deal with the unions and layoffs.
- All schools will be disinfected before in-school sessions begin again. Extreme measures have not yet been called for and the thought is that the virus dies overnight so time takes care of it.
- Graduation will be decided after the alternate learning is up and running and we can assess how it is working. There have been 6 snow days so far plus yesterday and today.
- April vacation – no decision as yet but it is likely we will still be closed then.
- Technology – some parents may not have access to Wifi – Verizon has advertised that connection can be bought one month at a time. Those having issues will be encouraged to contact our staff for help. Some will have to use dial-up.

III. Public Participation – Jeannette Picard said that they are working on an MOU just in case one will be needed.

IV. Action Items

1. Act on 2020 Graduation Date – No action taken

V. Executive Session

1. For the purpose of discussing security protocols during COVID-19
Motion made by M. McCall and seconded by M. Smith to go into executive session at 7:55 p.m. and invite the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by N. McGillicuddy and seconded by S. Haynes to come out of executive session at 8:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary