



Lafayette School Board
Lafayette Regional School
January 11, 2024
Board Meeting at 5:30 PM

Attendees

- Board
 - Amy Mullins, Chair
 - Megan Detamore, Vice Chair
 - Nicole MacKay
 - Joseph Garrison
 - Gail Clark
- LAF
 - Amy Kopp, Principal
- SAU
 - Kate Segal, Superintendent
 - Toni Butterfield, Business Manager
- Clerk
 - Emily Goldman

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Amy Mullins, at 5:30 p.m.

II. LPTO Report

- No report due to not having a meeting in December or January

III. Approval of the Minutes

- Edit formatting issues→ More than one font & empty bullets

Motion by Joe Garrison to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 School Board Meeting; seconded by Gail Clark. All in favor; Motion passes.

IV. Public Input

Any citizen wishing to speak before the Board must sign in with the board clerk prior to the opening of the meeting. The visitor will identify themselves with their name and address and speak for no longer than five (5) minutes. See Board Policy BEDH.

- Attendees:
 - Priscilla Hindley, Franconia
- Priscilla Hindley just visiting.

V. New Business

No new business.

VI. Continuing Business

1. Review of ESSER Grants Funds

- ESSER III- Tables purchased for the learning center.
- Plans are still being made for the rest of the funds.

2. Review of Federal Grants Funds

- Character Strong
- Demonstration has been done for each of the Teacher Teams
- Tier 1 and 2 curriculum
 - Tier 1
 - Common Language.
 - Important skills focused on (such as conflict resolution)
 - Tier 2
 - Gives explicit instruction for the students who might be struggling.
 - Amy Kopp will be presenting this at the principal meeting.
 - Character Strong is a topic of discussion for the next Staff Meeting

VII. Standing Reports

A. Principal

1. Monthly Report

- Holiday Spirit Week- Fun-Themed Day for each day.
- Winter Benchmarks
 - Dibels
 - STAR Testing
- Winter Program
 - Successful within the first week! The newest additions/changes went really well!
 - Mountain was very chaotic, but wonderful!
 - Winter Fun Travel- Groups went to WMSI, Littleton Studio, and the Boys Girls Club
 - Winter Fun- Students were able to do activities at the school and the library.
 - They hope to add in sledding, ice skating, and snowman making (weather just needs to cooperate)
- January 22nd, Spelling Bee!
 - Spelling Bee will start within the classrooms.
- Junie B. Jones Play
 - February 16th and 17th
 - Students have been working hard.
- Curriculum and Assessment Committee
 - Goals:
 - Tune-up Tier 1
 - Create a standard of practice for academics and behavior.
 - These are the non-negotiables.
 - Create an Assessment Plan
- Planning for the Eclipse April 8th
 - Mr. G & Mrs. Koehler went to a training at the Fairbanks museum.
 - Connecting eclipse learning into science lessons
 - Evening presentation on March 4th to discuss all things Eclipse. - Doug Arion
 - Amy Kopp will send out a notification of the schedule change to the families A.S.A.P.

- Student absences will be excused for the viewing of the eclipse.

2. 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

- Amy Kopp shared the presentation that she plans to present.
- Presentation
- Budget hearing is in February- Library
 - Board Meeting follows
- Annual Meeting is in March- MPR

B. Superintendent

1. Superintendent Report

2. District NH Ed iReport

3. SAS Results by Grade

- Lafayette Data Reporting
 - Allows us to really celebrate the achievement of the students and staff of Lafayette.
 - This data gives a good opportunity to track and support students.
- Child Study Team
 - Working on “Early Warning Systems”
 - Pool data from all over to identify students in need.
 - Look into the reasoning → Within and out of school

C. Business Manager

Budget to Actual Report

- Tiny bit ahead due to unexpected e-rate money.
- \$56,013 is covered by grant funding that is currently being paid for out of the general fund.
 - Employee moved from being paid for by the general fund to grant funding due to position.
- Computer Equipment Overage → Determined an Encumbrance
 - Allotted funds last year
- Ending balance 62,029.65
 - Different than the \$66,637 due to revenue.
- Do we want to consider creating a trust fund?
 - We can put in a warrant.
 - The building is old, some things need to be updated.
 - The roof section wasn't done.
 - An insurance claim will be submitted
 - Primex will help.
 - Claims

Motion by Gail Clark to put up to \$50,000 into Buildings and Grounds Trust Fund; seconded by Nicole MacKay. All in favor; Motion passes.

- Nate Hanson called the school to share that the town would like to donate a used generator to the school.
 - 20 years old and has not been used in 10 years.
 - The school is responsible for installation, site work, maintenance, etc.
 - This will be a conversation at the Buildings and Grounds Meeting.

- Suggestion to connect with Gordie about information from past generator quotes and conversations.
 - The big cost is around the site work and maintenance, suggest looking into a grant.
- Audit- Might receive notice from the state that we have not submitted our final audit to the Department of Revenue. This is being finalized and submitted.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Board - (AM)

- Working on compiling Superintendent's evaluations.
- Reviewing the roles and responsibilities of School Board Members.
 - If members have not watched the webinar on "School Board Roles and Responsibilities", this needs to be completed.
 - If parents or committee members complain about something they need to start with Amy Kopp, then go to Kate Segal, and then if the issue is still not resolved it needs to be brought to the entire board.

B. Building & Grounds Committee – (GC, NM)

- Meeting next week

C. Budget Committee – (GC, JG)

- Covered

D. Negotiations – (MD, JG)

- Nothing new to report.

IX. Policy Handbook – (MD, NM)

- Went through the Audit. There were policies listed that we do have.
- Suggestions on recommended policies→ The committee will look through and discuss.
- Food Service Policies need to be a high priority.

X. School Staffing Notifications & Approvals

- Nothing new to report.

XI. Non Public Session as per RSA 91A:3, I, II

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Gail Clark to adjourn; seconded by Joe Garrison. All in favor; Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023, Budget Hearing at 5:00 PM, Board Meeting to follow

Notice is hereby made that public comment shall be made without expectation of a response by any School Board member to matters raised by such commentary. The Board will not hear personal complaints about school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system. The expectation of all in attendance is to conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Board respects the right of the public to communicate its stance of matters of interest, but meetings are scheduled in advance to conduct business put forth on its publicly posted agenda only.