



Meeting Minutes

Lafayette School Board
Lafayette Regional School
May 4, 2023
5:30 PM

Attendees

- Board
 - Amy Mullins, Chair
 - Megan Detamore, Vice Chair
 - Gail Clark
 - Nicole MacKay
 - Joseph Garrison
- LAF
 - Gordie Johnk, Principal
- SAU
 - Kate Segal, Superintendent
 - Toni Butterfield, Business Manager
- Clerk
 - Heather Golding
- Other
 - Amy Kopp, LAF Principal hired for 2023-2024 School Year

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Amy Mullins at 5:30pm.

II. LPTO Report

- None.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Joe Garrison to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023 School Board Meeting; seconded by Megan Detamore. All in favor; Motion passes.

IV. Public Input

Any citizen wishing to speak before the Board must sign in with the administrative assistant 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.

- None.

V. New Business

- Kate updated the Board that cursive and multiplication tables must now be taught in NH schools per newly-passed House Bill 170.
- Toni announced a retirement event for Gordie Johnk on May 25th from 4-6pm at LAF.

VI. Continuing Business

A. Review of ESSER Grants Funds

- Nothing new to report. Kate noted she really appreciates Gordie's collaborative and strategic approach to grant writing and implementation.

B. Review of Federal Grants Funds

- Nothing new to report.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Principal (Gordie Johnk)

1. Standardized testing review

- Students are engaged in NH SAS and STAR testing this Spring. Results will be available fairly quickly, but he doesn't know exactly when.

2. Upcoming Events

- Poetry Night on Thursday, May 11th with a focus on the 250th anniversary of Franconia and 20th year since the Old Man fell. All students will be present, which is very meaningful.
- Ben Killam, who raises and cares for black bear cubs, is presenting "Bear Talk" on Thursday, May 18th sponsored by the Easton Conservation Committee.
- Community Spelling Bee on Friday, May 19th.
- Spring Concert on June 1st.

B. Superintendent (Kate Segal)

1. Draft of Alleged Bullying Investigation Process Report

- Kate circulated a draft for the Board's review. She provided the draft to Amy Kopp for review as well.

2. Last day of school

- Kate made a formal recommendation to the Board that the last day of school be on Friday, June 16th so that the school is in compliance with RSA 189:1 and the CDA. The reason for her recommendation is that by June 14th, the students will have completed only 178 student contact days on account of snow days. Therefore, the District would be 2 days short of the mandatory contracted amount which is 180 student contact days.
- Graduation still would be Thursday, June 15th.
- Kate advised that if the Board votes against her recommendation, the Board will need to talk to the Union, come to an agreement and then request a waiver from the State of NH. She noted that no waivers have been granted in the past few years.

Motion by Gail Clark to accept Kate's recommendation that the last day of school for LAF will be Friday, June 16th; Seconded by Megan Detamore. All in favor; Motion passes.

- The Board agreed that, in the future, it will discuss this topic in April.

C. Business Manager (Toni Butterfield)

1. Surplus/Deficit Report

- LAF will have an estimated \$119,200 ending fund balance.
 - The reason is the District received unexpected revenue in the form of funds from the Town of Franconia and the NH Retirement System.
- Encumbrances: There are no encumbrances. Toni noted Gordi has done a great job making sure there are none.
- Food Service: Toni noted there likely will be a \$24k shortfall. She is working with the company to understand why and will report back at the June meeting.
- Laftercare: The program has been in effect for 4-5 years. Gordie noted it has been a high quality program at a low cost. There is now a surplus of almost \$41,000. He recommends leaving the surplus where it is and using it for Laftercare staffing purposes going forward.
- Weekend Backpack Program: This is an excellent program with donations keeping it in good financial shape.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Board (Amy Mullins)

- The Executive Board discussed the matter of potentially moving the last day of school due to snow days.
- Kate presented the bullying investigation policy.
- There will be a NH School Funding Program on Thursday, May 11th. It will be videotaped and Kate will collect handouts for Board members who are unable to attend. Nicole recommended that a notice go out to the towns on Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton. Kate agreed to take that as an action item.
- Kate is getting a mentor and taking leadership classes at the UNH School of Continued Learning. She also is working to update the SAU Handbook which has not been updated since approximately 2005.

B. Building & Grounds Committee

1. Bleacher delivery update

- a. Bleachers will be delivered on Tuesday.

2. Roof project update

- a. This is on schedule for the summer, but no official start date yet. Kate and Gordie have been getting sign off from town agencies (fire marshall and historical society, etc.).
- b. Toni and Amy thanked Gordie for his hard work on this project.

C. Budget Committee

- Amy and Gordie met to discuss the budget before this meeting.

D. Negotiations

- None.

IX. Policy Handbook

- None

X. School Staffing Notifications & Approvals

- HR has sent out contracts to teachers and staff. They are in the process of being signed and returned.

XI. Non-Public Session as per RSA 91A:3, I, II (if needed)

- The Board went into Non-Public Session at 6:31pm by roll call vote.
- A staffing matter was discussed.
- The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 6:35 pm by roll call vote.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Megan Detamore to adjourn; seconded by Joe Garrison. All in favor; Motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2023