

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Tina Peabody, Board Members Thomas Eyman, Luther Kinney, Linda Gaitskill, Mary Jo Greene; Superintendent Paul MacMillan; Business Manager Sandra Stone; Principal Gordie Johnk; Administrative Assistant Toni Butterfield

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peabody at 5:40 PM.

LPTO REPORT

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the LPTO made \$1,400.00 on the Bucket Auction and \$600.00 on the Holiday Cookie Sale.

The LPTO along with the Alpine Clinic and a local family have donated the necessary funding to begin a Nordic Ski Program at Lafayette Regional School. This was a joint proposal authored by Ben Woo and Jesse Lyman. Mr. Lyman will utilize the equipment during gym classes. It will also be available during recess periods as well as for winter program. It was further noted that the Recreation Department will also have this resource available to them. To date twenty-five pairs of skis and thirty-eight pairs of boots have been purchased. LPTO has donated \$2,100.00, Alpine Clinic \$500.00 and a local family \$500.00. Lahout's and Bretton Woods have been very supportive of the development of this program offering assistance as needed. This is a learning experience for all.

The LPTO has also agreed to fund the purchase of the Honeywell Automated Calling System at an annual cost of \$420.00. This will make notification to staff, students and parents more efficient and will replace the calling tree. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY THOMAS EYEMAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING AS WRITTEN. The following corrections were requested:

Page 1, Under Present, line 5 should read . . . Dan Kenerson

Page 1, Under Present, line 6 should read . . . Jake Peterson

Page 2, paragraph 6, line 6 should read . . . changed the technology position . . .

Page 2, paragraph 6, line 12 should read . . . addition of a warrant article . . .

Page 3, paragraph 2, line 1 should read . . . so hard to . . .

Page 3, paragraph 3, line 3 should read Thomas Eyman suggested that the Board . . .

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Johnk called the Board's attention to his written report which was distributed earlier in the day via e-mail for Board information and review briefing them on the contents and fielding questions as necessary.

Principal Johnk thanked the Board for allowing the Robotics Team to present at the December Board meeting.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the winter program is off to a great start and a good time is being had by all. There are 80 students traveling to Cannon Mountain for alpine skiing and/or snowboarding; 9 students are enrolled in our Nordic ski program and the rest are attending the Winter Fun activities such as dog sledding, skating, tubing, snowshoeing, snow for building, etc.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that there are still internet connectivity issues with Time Warner. Since the last Board meeting it has been ascertained that Lafayette cannot go directly to Time Warner utilizing their own sonic wall but must go through Destek's I prism located at the SAU office. This is directly related to contract issues with Time Warner as they have a signed three year contract for the Fiber Optics at a cost of \$530.00/month (\$6,360/yr or \$19,080/3 yr contract duration). Lafayette has attempted to have this contract null and void in order to replace with an individual contract utilizing the implementation of their own sonic wall to no avail. Profile Technologies has advised Principal Johnk that they have been working on this problem but to date there is no solution in sight. Following a brief discussion, Superintendent MacMillan requested that the Profile Technology Representative(s) speak directly with Ben Jellison at Lisbon Regional School and/or Dan Inghram at Profile School for assistance with this matter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent MacMillan presented a letter of resignation from Kathy Ross effective at the close of the current school year recommending the Board's acceptance of same. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY THOMAS EYMAN, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION OF KATHY ROSS FROM HER TEACHING POSITION AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that following the NCSAA (North Country School Administrators Association's) meeting with Commissioner Barry to discuss funding for Professional Development, the commissioner earmarked \$30,000.00 for the North County for this purpose. Commissioner Barry is also making available an additional \$16,000.00 for funding a professional development presentation by Rick Wormeli in March of 2014. Mr. Wormeli's presentations are very high profile, informative, etc. and Superintendent MacMillan suggested that Board members view his presentations on You Tube. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that NCES has received a grant from Jane's Trust to fund NISL (National Institute for School Leadership) training. Administrators from SAU 35 will be participating in this training.

FINANCIAL

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed a budget summary for Board information and review noting that this is where the proposed budget is at this point. Additional discussion will be held during the Board Budget Committee report.

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed copies of the School Lunch Report for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is (\$5,979.05).

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed copies of the Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$44,414.00. Ms. Stone briefed the Board on the changes since the prior reporting period fielding questions as necessary.

A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the number of meals served this year as compared to last year. For example, the month of December show 818 meals served as opposed to 1,186 last year for the same period. This is a decrease of 368 meals in this month alone.

BOARD REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD – No Report

BUDGET

A discussion ensued as to the status of the proposed budget for next year including increases and decreases as presented at the last meeting.

Thomas Eyman briefed the Board on proposed increases for support staff and the principal. They are also looking at insurance costs and possibly changing the offered plan to MT20. Following a lengthy discussion the Board decided to do a bit more research and hold a special meeting to deal with proposed budgetary issues on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:30 PM/

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Linda Gaitskill advised the Board that the committee has been discussing the securing of the front door and the possible purchase of a buzzer/camera system. This is a direct result of the recent horrific incident at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. Ms. Gaitskill distributed proposals from Control Technologies for an Intercom Entry System for two options. Option 1 is for a Comelit Video Entry Station at a cost of \$2,668.00; and, Option 2 is for a Aiphone Video Entry Station at a cost of \$3,153.00. Principal Johnk and the committee are in agreement that this is a step that needs to be taken. Linda Gaitskill stated that she feels they would be negligent in not doing so and that this project would be money well spent. Ms. Gaitskill further advised the Board that J.A. Corey of Littleton is coming tomorrow and will have a bid at that time. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to move forward with this project. They will review and vote on a proposal at the special meeting on February 4, 2013.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the AHEAD Property adjacent to the school has recently converted to a wood pellet heating system and installed a silo. Principal Johnk visited with the head of the project seeking information as to the possibility of Lafayette moving in a similar direction. Principal Johnk will continue to research this possibility. It was the consensus of the Board that reviewing all forms of alternative heating would be prudent at this juncture do to the constantly rising oil prices.

NEGOTIATIONS/PERSONNEL

Chairman Peabody advised that they will be going to mediation on January 22, 2013.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

Linda Gaitskill presented Policy IHBG – Home Education Instruction for second reading and approval. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY MARY JO GREENE, SECONDED BY LUTHER KINNEY TO ACCEPT POLICY IHBG – HOME EDUCATION INSTRUCTION FOR SECOND READING AND APPROVAL AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY THOMAS EYMAN TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:47 PM UNDER PARAGRAPH II, SECTION 2 OF RSA 91A:3 OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES TAKING SUPERINTENDENT MACMILLAN. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY MARY JO GREENE, SECONDED BY THOMAS EYMAN TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:53 PM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY THOMAS EYMAN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR KAREN MARKS AS PRESENTED AND ALLOWING THE USE OF ACCUMULATED SICK PAY FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY THOMAS EYMAN, SECONDED BY LUTHER KINNEY TO ADJOURN AT 7:55 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted;

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

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