

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Luther Kinney; Board Members Denys Draper, Christi Gignac, Amy Mullins, Chris Thayer; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Tina Peabody, Principal Gordie Johnk; Administrative Assistant Toni Butterfield.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chairman Kinney.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

LPTO REPORT

Denys Draper distributed copies of the LPTO Report for Board information and review noting that the meeting was held on October 12, 2016 at 8:00 AM.

Meadow Farm fundraiser is ongoing. The sale has been extended one more week in an attempt to hit the 450 items sold mark so there is no shipping charge for the school and the profit goes up to 45%.

Halloween Happenings will occur on Halloween Monday, October 31st. Snacks of apple cider and Halloween Oreos will be provided for the kids. There is a \$75.00 budget for this event.

Meghan McPhaul and Meg Caron will co-chair the Recycle Sale.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$11,330.55. There are substantial funds allocated but not yet expended and when these are deducted, the new balance is \$2,828.54. Some of the items included are not going to be funded or have been reallocated elsewhere and when these are added back to the balance, it is \$4,015.55.

Additional requests to be funded by the LPTO are: IEARN Folk Tales/Storytelling Program for \$100.00 and Eric Pinder, author/illustrator who will be visiting Lafayette for \$350.00.

The Holiday Concert and annual Cookie Sale will be on December 15th.

The Art Show planning is in process. The LPTO is currently looking for locations and is considering the Inn at Sunset Hil.

MOTION BY AMY MULLINS, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING. The following corrections were requested:

- Page 2, paragraph 4 – the . was left off the only sentence
- Page 2, paragraph 5, line 3 should read . . . Food Service Director . . .
- Page 3, paragraph 5, line should read . . . \$2,368.90 and the line . . .
- Page 3, paragraph 5, line 8 should read . . . MOTION BY . . .

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the Outdoor Ed Program is in full swing. There have been several hikes thus far and they plan to hike Middle Sugar Loaf tomorrow. Students study fauna, flora, glacial erratics, talus slopes and conduct scientific studies and observations in the natural world. The program has been a busy, very productive adventure for the students.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the fourth grade Science NECAP scores have been received. Four students or 20% ranked as Partially Proficient; fourteen students or 70% ranked as Proficient; and two students or 10% ranked as Proficient with Distinction. These are encouraging results. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk distributed copies of the NWEA Results in Reading and Mathematics for grades K-2 and Reading, Mathematics and Science for grades 3-6 briefing the Board on the contents and fielding questions as necessary. All students are required to take these tests and overall the results are very encouraging with the majority of students placing in the Average and High Average scoring along with some students in the High category. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised that the weekly Community Meetings were focused on having a positive growth mindset. There are many things that we have not learned....yet. The Power of Yet is a saying that reminds us of what we can still learn if we try hard and have a growth mindset. Shelley Koehler, School Librarian and Enrichment Coordinator has organized small groups within our Peace Groups to participate.

Principal Johnk advised that the Spot Vision screening with the assistance of the local Lion's Club was held recently. This state of the art vision testing basically "takes a picture" of the retina and does not rely on young children having to state whether or not they see certain items or letters as in the old days of vision screening.

Principal Johnk advised that flu shots were given to all students who signed up. School Nurse Samantha Presby coordinated these as well as the vision clinic.

Principal Johnk advised that the first month of school has gone exceedingly well. Students and staff are settling into their respective roles and new students have acclimated well into our school.

Principal Johnk advised that he has been working with Principal Jellison and the Bus Company to reinstate the Lafayette late bus program. There are several middle school students who would partake of this option if it was offered. They have decided to offer a trial period from Thanksgiving to Christmas Break at a cost of \$25.00 per day. This is substantially lower than the cost of the program a number of years ago. If the program proves to be viable then it will continue. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE TRIAL PERIOD OF 18 DAYS FOR A TOTAL OF \$450.00 FROM THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS BREAK AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of the October 1st enrollment for Board information and review. This enrollment was taken on October 3rd as the first was on a Saturday.

Superintendent Couture presented letters of intent to retire from Wendy Kern and Beverly Frenkiewich effective at the completion of the 2016-2017 school year. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRIS THAYER TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT LETTERS FROM WENDY KERN AND BEVERLY FRENKIEWICH. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that the Administrative Team's primary focus remains on PACE (Performance Assessment of Competency Education). The NH DOE PACE Team met with all of our teachers on Friday, October 7th during our Professional Development Day to provide an overview of the program. Following the presentation the teachers broke in like groups which proved to be very valuable. Ellen Hume Howard of Sanborn Regional heads up the State group and provides excellent communication with all.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that the SAU Budget Hearing will take place on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the AHEAD Conference Room. The SAU budget is close to completion. We are awaiting the GMR's (gross maximum rates) for Health Insurance which should be released by mid-week next week.

Superintendent Couture reminded the Board that his evaluation has been distributed to Board members, administrators and the SAU staff for completion. Linda Gaitskill, former Lafayette Board member will be tallying the results for presentation at the December Full Board meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Manifests were distributed for Board review and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed copies of the Expenditure Short Report for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is at a deficit of (\$14,987.99). This is due to the fact that the transfer from the Expendable Trust Fund has not taken place as yet.

Business Manager Peabody distributed copies of the School Lunch Report for Board information and review briefing them on the contents and fielding questions as necessary.

Business Manager Peabody advised the Board that the contract for Propane has been renewed at no increase in pricing.

Business Manager Peabody advised the Board that the Mascoma Bank Branch in Franconia is closing. She is suggesting moving the account to Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank and would like this done as soon as possible. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS TO

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS FROM MASCOMA BANK TO WOODSVILLE BANK AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD REPORTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Denys Draper advised the Board that the majority of the meeting had been spent on the budget. Ms. Draper noted that it is the intent of the SAU to purchase a new phone system from surplus funds at the end of the current school year. The SAU also plans to add the cost of the carpet replacement to the next lease and spread it over the term of the lease.

Ms. Draper urged all members to attend the Budget Hearing on November 7th at 5:30 PM and the Full Board Meeting on December 7th at 6:00 PM. Both will be held at the AHEAD Conference Room.

BUDGET:

Principal Johnk distributed a schedule of Budget Committee meetings beginning October 21st and ending Dec. 2nd from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. This year's Budget Committee will consist of the following members:

Community member	David McPhaul
Parent	Tim Burnell
Parent	Kevin Low
School Board	Denys Draper
School Board	Amy Mullins
Teacher	Karen Marks
Administration	Toni Butterfield
Administration	Gordie Johnk

Principal Johnk will serve as the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Chairman Kinney, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board, approved the appointment of the aforementioned individuals to the Budget Committee.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Principal Johnk advised the Board that there has been some smoke in the multi-purpose room when the boiler is on and the wind changes direction. Currently the boiler is only on for hot water. Now that we are moving into the heating season, Principal Johnk will monitor the operation of the system and keep the Board updated on its function. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board window/door/insulation project is complete with the exception of the door numbers being added. There was some concern that the initial painting of the numbers was not fully legible and not up to Lafayette's standards. Amy Mullins and Linda Gaitskill have volunteered to redo the numbers. They are also looking into whether Homeland Security recommends using reflective paint. A brief discussion ensued.

NEGOTIATIONS/PERSONNEL- No Report

POLICIES / PROCEDURES - No Report

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRIS THAYER TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:35 PM UNDER PARAGRAPH II, SECTION 2 OF RSA 91A:3 OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW TO DISCUSS INSURANCE ISSUES TAKING SUPERINTENDENT COUTURE, BUSINESS MANAGER PEABODY, PRINCIPAL JOHNK. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:48 PM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS TO ADJOURN AT 6:49 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE SCHOL BAORD NOVEMBER 10, 2016