

LAFAYETTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL
FRANCONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Date: February 14, 2019
Time: 5:00 PM

Attendees:

Gordie Johnk, Principal

Pierre Couture, Superintendent

Board Members: Christi Gignac, Amy Mullins, Chris Thayer, Denys Draper

Luther Kinney, Board Chairman

Kristin Franklin, Business Manager

Toni Butterfield

Lynne Warren

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kinney at 5:10 pm

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LPTO REPORT – Amy Mullins

Fundraiser updates:

- T-shirt / sweatshirt sales update. Very successful - 92 items sold
- Trampolines have been purchased and are being used in PE
- Spring Fundraiser - Can't do Bingo due to laws / regulations re: gambling. Instead it will be a 'Night out' at Cannon Mountain with a local band. Date is May 18.
- Spelling bee is coming up soon. There was brief discussion about the School Board team.
- The LPTO is recycling markers through the Crayola Color-cycle program.

There were no funding requests this month.

The track & field meet will be held at Lafayette May 11, volunteers are needed.

MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10 MEETING, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Correction: Remove the word 'Agenda' from the heading area.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Principal Gordie Johnk

1. General School Activities

Weather has caused winter program cancellation twice in February already.

2. NWEA Standardized Test Results

Johnk reviewed results and explained how those are interpreted, evaluated and utilized.

Brief discussion ensued regarding how valuable the testing / results are as a tool for educators.

3. Facilities Security Grant Update

New classroom locks: Currently doors can only be locked from the outside, which is a security concern in case of an emergency. Grant funds in the amount of \$12,000 were secured through Homeland Security for new locks and for cameras for outside the building. Locks and cameras have been procured and are on the way.

4. General Information

LAFETER care program has been a huge success. Feedback from parents has been really good. Children participating in the program are engaged, having fun, and safe. Kudos to all involved in spearheading, coordinating, and managing the program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Pierre Couture

1. NCES Membership Renewal

Discussed the benefits of membership, especially through the collaboration across the schools in the north country. Cost is based on a per student rate. Couture asked for a motion to approve the membership for this year.

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRIS THAYER, TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. General Information

Legislation: Couture provided an update regarding a recent meeting he attended where there was review and discussion regarding legislative issues and the current political climate.

- Stabilization grant: Our school district has been involved in an effort to stop a decrease in this for our area. It appears this will pass and will be retroactive back to 2016.
- Adequacy aid status: There is a possibility that a consultant may be hired to do an adequacy study.
- Guns in school issue: There is currently much debate on this and Couture encouraged everyone to write letters to legislators and relevant committees on the issue.

Discussion ensued regarding these issues and political implications.

Chairman Kinney provided an update on the mileage reimbursement subject discussed at the last board meeting. The teachers agreed to make a mid-term modification to the contract to align with the IRS schedule for implementing new mileage rates.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Kristin Franklin

1. Financial Statements

Franklin reviewed current statements, and any significant changes from last month's reports.

2. Acceptance of Unanticipated Funds Under \$5,000.00: Franklin discussed the process required to accept those funds. Brief discussion ensued.

3. General Information

- Franklin provided an update regarding the questions from last month's meeting surrounding categorization of expenses in the areas of Related Services and Special Education. After researching, she found that the definition of each depends on the language used when the Special Education fund was originally set up. Ours is fairly broad - and it appears that those capital funds can be used for Related Services. This aligns with most other school districts.

- Food services: There have been changes in this expense category, and an increase in utilization. It seems to be a result of the popularity of snack bags now being offered in lieu of breakfast. Discussion ensued regarding the change, and process of ordering.

There was brief discussion of the Food Services numbers, as well as issues related to free / reduced cost meals / recipients.

There was also brief discussion surrounding Café Services charges, reporting, and their contract with the district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Board

- Denys Draper provided a recap of the School Board Association meeting she attended.
- Draper will be a member of the hiring committee for the open Student Service coordinator position. Superintendent Couture described the hiring process for the position.

2. Budget (covered later in the meeting)

3. Building & Grounds

- Principal gave a brief update on the abutting property issue that has been ongoing. Not much has happened recently, but various options for environmental testing are being evaluated.

POLICIES / PROCEDURES

The committee did not meet this month, so there are no policies for first reading.

Policies for 2nd Reading and Approval

- a. AC – Non-Discrimination: No changes from first reading.
- b. BEDG – Minutes: No changes from first reading.
- c. BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings: Changes based on discussion from last month’s meeting were incorporated.

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS, TO ACCEPT THE THREE POLICIES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Policy Committee will be meeting in early March and will have a sample essential oil policy to review at that meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION PER RSA 91A:3, I, II

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Principal Johnk received a certified letter regarding an upcoming meeting to review a change in use of the abutting Iron Furnace Brewery building / property. The proposal is to expand operations to utilize the existing mezzanine area in the brewery’s building. Johnk will attend the meeting and update the board accordingly.

Board member Amy Mullins inquired about timing for interviews of art teacher candidates. Principal Johnk said interviews would likely begin sometime after the March Board meeting, once we know if the

proposed budget passes. The position is likely to be posted soon (in February). The current teacher is on a one-year contract.

Principal Johnk informed the board that Profile's musical (The Little Mermaid) will be held at Lafayette. The group will be coming in for rehearsals starting winter break week. All are invited to attend. Johnk mentioned that some work needs to be done on the lighting and sound-system to accommodate the musical. It is work that needs to be done anyway so Lafayette will be taking care of those things.

Chris Thayer briefly mentioned that changes and updates to the Lafayette website are being considered. He said it would be a good idea to discuss at a future meeting. Brief discussion ensued. Thayer said he is happy to work with the school to move toward implementing those potential changes.

MOTION BY AMY MULLINS, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC, TO ADJOURN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.