

LAFAYETTE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL
FRANCONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DATE: March 14, 2019
TIME: 5:00 PM

Attendees:

Gordie Johnk, Principal
Pierre Couture, Superintendent
Board Members: Christi Gignac, Amy Mullins, Chris Thayer, Denys Draper
Kristin Franklin, Business Manager
Toni Butterfield
Lynne Warren

Meeting called to order by Christi Gignac at 5:05 PM

PUBLIC INPUT

None

LPTO REPORT – Amy Mulling

Fundraiser updates:

Spelling Bee is next Friday - 24 teams signed up so far

Penny Wars currently going on

Spring Fundraiser is being organized - lots of good donations so far. Tickets are on sale now for \$25 per adult. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

The T-shirts have been ordered and should be here in about 10 days.

MOTION BY AMY MULLINS, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14 MEETING, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Date at the top of the first page is incorrect. Should be February 14.

Page 1, Principal's Report section heading: Gordi should be Gordie.

Page 4, first full paragraph, third sentence: Remove second 'all'.

Page 4, third paragraph, first sentence: SAU website should say Lafayette website.

Page 4, third paragraph: Add verbiage for clarity regarding Chris Thayer working with school to follow up on potential changes.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Read Across America – Was a really fun time. This initiative emphasized the importance of reading. At least 10 law enforcement officers came to discuss how important reading is to them in their jobs, and read to students. A couple of K-9 officers also came.
2. Winter Program - completed winter program on March 8. Although weather resulted in not being able to have all 6 programs, it was still a successful winter.
3. Profile's musical, "Little Mermaid" was held at Lafayette last week. There were three performances, one each on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It went well. There has been some discussion regarding

the impact on the school, and ideas for what to do better if Profile holds performances at Lafayette in future years. Brief discussion ensued.

4. Lafter Care After-school Program continues to do a really good job with the children who attend. It's very popular. There was brief discussion about the fact that Lafter Care could potentially come up at the School Budget Meeting later tonight, and that the board should be prepared to discuss and answer questions if so.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Pierre Couture

1. Professional Staff Nominations – Superintendent Couture distributed a list of nominations for review by the board, and gave a brief explanation of the information provided.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS BY AMY MULLINS, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. General Information -

-Adequacy aid- we're slowly making progress. A bill recently passed in the state House that would stop the 4% reduction and reset amount to the 2016 level. This would definitely be a benefit to many schools in our area.

-Save our Schools Forum coming to Littleton Thursday, March 28. Couture distributed a flyer for the meeting / presentation. He also mentioned that the Conval school district is going to sue the state of NH (similar to the Claremont suit) related to this issue. Brief discussion ensued.

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS – Kristin Franklin

1. Financial Statements

Franklin distributed the financial reports. Not much change from last month's statements. She clarified and gave brief updates on a couple of items including Food Services and Lafter Care.

2. Reaffirm School Official Stipends

Franklin gave a brief review of the current stipends and asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER TO REAFFIRM THE STIPEND RATES, SECONDED BY CHRIS THAYER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Primex Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program

Franklin briefly discussed the cap agreement, and asked for a motion to approve and enter into the cap agreement.

MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS TO ENTER INTO CAP AGREEMENT WITH PRIMEX FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE COMING YEAR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. General Information

Toni and Kris are going to begin getting the bookkeeping set up for Student Activity Funds. Brief discussion ensued.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Board – Pierre Couture

The board did not meet but are moving forward with filling the Student Service Coordinator. Two candidates will be interviewed. The target is to have a candidate selected for April Executive Board meeting.

2. Budget – Gordie Johnk

Johnk gave some brief explanation of figures that might be confusing going into budget meeting tonight for clarification.

The board discussed who will make each motion in the upcoming budget meeting.

- Article 2 Motion Denys, Second Amy

- Article 3 Motion Chris, Second Denys

- Article 4 Motion Chris, Second Christi

- Motion to restrict further discussion on Article 3 Denys, second Amy. On Article 4 Denys, second Amy.

Christi will speak to why money is being added to Building and Grounds fund, and that no additional taxes will be utilized for these funds. They are coming from surplus.

There was additional brief discussion of figures and presentations for the meeting.

Superintendent Couture will let the budget meeting attendees know about the Save Our Schools Forum as part of 'Other Business'.

3. Building & Grounds – Gordie Johnk

School Facilities Grant Update - All new classroom door locks have been installed (can be locked from the inside). Camera installation is in progress. The invoice is supposed to be paid by April 1 to comply with the grant. If needed, an extension can be requested.

NEGOTIATIONS/PERSONNEL None

POLICIES / PROCEDURES

1. Policies for Withdrawal

EBC – Crisis Prevention & Response

To be combined with EBCA

MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER TO WITHDRAW, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Policies for 1st Reading

EBCA – Crisis Prevention & Emergency Response Plans

Changes are to combine EBC with this policy.

GADA – Employment References & Verification (Prohibiting Aiding & Abetting of Sexual Abuse)

New policy - required by law.

JCA – Change of School or Assignment

Minor changes outlined.

JEC – Change of School or Assignment – Manifest Educational
Hardship
Minor changes outlined.

MOTION BY AMY MULLINS TO ACCEPT POLICIES FOR FIRST READING, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER. ALL
IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Christi Gignac gave a brief update on the essential oils policy status. It is anticipated that there will be a
first reading of that policy for the next meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS - none

Motion by Amy Mullins to adjourn, seconded by Denys Draper. All in Favor, meeting adjourned at 6:32
PM.