

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 5:30 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 September 7, 2016 at 8:00 AM.

The Treasurer reported that there is currently \$10,220.84 in the account but there are still outstanding bills to pay.

The Parent Coffee Social was held on opening day with a fairly good turnout of parents and this event was well received.

Meadow Farms Fundraiser starts this Thursday with a kick off from 11:50 to 12:10.

Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week to be held in May has begun. A closer look will be kept on the cost this year with the main focus being on the luncheon at a surprise location.

Halloween is on Monday this year. Teachers have been asking if the celebration could happen on the previous Friday. The parade and school celebration is the school's call but the trick-or-treating and bonfire is a town decision. Principal Johnk will talk with the Rec Department to see if they may be willing to move the date.

Plans are also underway for the annual recycle sale. New leadership for this event is being sought.

The date for the Art Show and silent Auction has been set for May 5, 2017. Various venues were discussed, more details to follow.

Walmart has donated two Lice Kits and plan on donating two kits at a time as needed.

Various fundraising options were discussed.

MOTION BY CHRISTI GIGNAC, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2016 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION.

Page 3, paragraph 3, line 5 should read Last year workmen's comp . . .

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTION, MOTION CARRIED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

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

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the summer had gone by very quickly due to the abundance of activities at the school. The summer school program focused on curbing the regression of those students who need extensive remedial help. The Lafayette Recreation Department offered their summer program to community children. There were also music lessons during the summer.

Principal Johnk commented on the enrollment which is up over that of last year.

Principal Johnk advised that the school year started off very successfully. We welcomed four new staff members; Lyndsay Weeden – 6th grade teacher; Jean Serine – Paraprofessional, Aaron Goldman – Technology Integration Specialist and Phyllis Pina – Food Serve Director for Café Services. Each of these staff members has contributed positive energy which has been felt by all over the past two weeks.

Principal Johnk advised that the District has purchased a used truck to replace the old rusted non inspectible truck. The new truck is a Ford 150 single cab, long bed with 4 wheel drive and was purchased from North County Motors in Lancaster, NH.

Principal Johnk advised that first few weeks of school include practicing fire drills, learning playground rules, implementing classroom rules and procedures, etc.

Principal Johnk advised that the Outdoor Program is underway. The school has borrowed a trail rider to make the outdoor program accessible to a student with special needs. Principal Johnk demonstrated how this is used to carry the student on hikes, etc. A brief discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of the Opening Day Enrollment SAU wide for Board information and review noting that overall enrollment is down by seventeen students. This is becoming a problem state wide. Only one SAU in NH actually saw an overall increase in enrollment for the 2016-2017 opening. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent Couture updated the Board on PACE (Performance Assessment of Competency Education). The PACE Program will eventually replace SBAC for the majority of classes. SAU 35 is part of a state-wide cohort developing this process. The teams have been formed and will be attending four meetings, two in Concord and two in the North Country. Grade 11 students' state wide will be taking the SAT test as opposed to other testing programs which is a wonderful opportunity for all to take free of charge. Our teachers are very excited by this concept and eager to participate. As the meeting dates conflict with NHSAA meetings, Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Shelli Roberts will be the SAU Administrative Leader for this project. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent Couture advised that the Administrative Team had met earlier today. The school secretaries were in attendance to discuss the Student Activity Accounts management structure and how they will be handled during this school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Manifests were distributed for Board review and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody recommended Board approval of the Primex Resolution to enter a Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) very similar to the one they voted on last month for Workman's Compensation. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY AMY MULLINS, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE CAP RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN KINNEY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER PRIMEX Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)

RESOLVED: To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) to enter into its Property & Liability Contribution Assurance program (CAP) as of the date of adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions Primex risk management pool membership during the term of the Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP). The coverage provided by Primex in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Business Manager Peabody advised the Board that the window/painting project expenditures exceeded the original estimate by \$2,368.90 and the line is currently showing a negative balance in that amount. Ms. Peabody is asking for Board input as to how to proceed and the possible withdrawal of monies from the Building and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund for this purpose. If the Board wishes to remove from this fund, it will be necessary to hold a public hearing. The total remaining amount originally planned to be utilized from this fund is \$62,200.00. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY CHRISTI GIGNAC, SECONDED BY CHRIS THAYER TO APPROVE REMOVING THE FUNDS FROM THE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND AND HOLDING A HEARING PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 14, 2016. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED. The SAU will prepare the appropriate advertising for this hearing.

BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Chairman Kinney advised the Board that development of the SAU budget for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. Superintendent Couture explained how the process will proceed noting

that there will be a hearing in November and the budget will be voted on at the December Full Board meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

BUDGET:

Denys Draper advised the Board that she has signed up for a NHSBA Budget Workshop.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that he will have the slate of Budget Committee members to present to the Board at the October meeting.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Principal Johnk advised that the window/door/painting project is complete.

Principal Johnk advised that the computer wiring is complete. The connection for the NWEA has some issues and is under discussion with the IT folks.

Principal Johnk commended Presby Construction for the window/door/painting project and Goulet Communications for the wiring project. Both were handled very professionally with little or no interference with the daily summer functions at the school.

NEGOTIATIONS/PERSONNEL:

Chairman Kinney advised that he and Chris Thayer will be reaching out to the association to set up the schedule for the negotiations in the near future.

POLICIES / PROCEDURES - No Report

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO ADJOURN AT 6:17 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE BOARD OCTOBER 13, 2016