

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Board 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

Amy Mullins thanked the Board members and Superintendent Couture for attending the Art Show and auction last Friday evening.

Denys Draper advised the Board that the Spring Fund Raiser, Fun Pass, is underway.

Denys Draper advised the Board that the Spelling Bee was very successful. The raffle raised \$102.00 and the entry fees totaled \$1,075.00.

Denys Draper reported that Staff Appreciation week went very well; a good time was had by all.

Denys Draper advised the Board that the Art Show was very successful with proceeds totaling \$5,740.00. The food costs to Chef Joe were \$750.00. It was felt that the show was poorly attended by parents for whatever reason this year. It was noted that all Board members, the Superintendent and many staff members attended which was greatly appreciated. The LPTO will be doing a survey in the near future seeking parental input into continuing these fundraising events versus an annual donation. A brief discussion ensued.

The LPTO is looking into possible fundraising activities for next year such as Dining for a Cause at the 99 Restaurant and a pie sale for Thanksgiving along with the traditional events.

Denys Draper advised the Board that the LPTO has received a request for a Gecko from Aaron Goldman, Tech Coordinator. He will be doing some further research and reporting back to the LPTO on this request.

MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11 AND APRIL 13, 2017 MEETINGS AS WRITTEN. The following change was requested in the April 11, 2017 minutes:

Page 1, paragraph 8, line 1 should read . . . the Lafie Award . . .

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTION, MOTION CARRIED.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Johnk called the Board's attention to his written report distributed earlier today via e-mail. If there are any questions on his report, please let him know.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that Kindergarten Registration was recently held. There are currently Fifteen students registered. It appears that there will be at least two additional students to register at this time. The school has also had inquiries from other families considering relocation. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that Staff Appreciation Week was great and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The annual luncheon was held at Polly's Pancake Parlor on Tuesday with many volunteers manning the classrooms in the staff's absence.

Principal Johnk briefed the Board on the felony arrest for drug trafficking recently at the Evergreen Apartments across Main Street from the School. There was a three year old child present at the time of the drug bust and subsequent arrests. The Town of Franconia is looking into taking the building for back taxes. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that Poetry Night was well attended and very successful. The program lasted approximately forty-five minutes and all students who had a poem were able to present.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that there have been ongoing discussions with Cafeteria Manager Phyllis Pina, Profile Cafeteria Manager Butch Germain and Café Services about the benefits of having Café's umbrella for the national guidelines, etc. but allowing the Districts more local control while working within Care fServices structure. They would like to have more control over the vendors used and the delivery dates. For example, Lafayette once again ran out of milk and Sysco only delivers once weekly. Superintendent Couture suggested setting up a meeting with administration and all other parties to brainstorm on this. It was noted that the State has to approve the Food Service Contract. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk updated the Board on the health of a staff member as she recovers from a stroke noting that she has been in the school briefly.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of the Support Staff Appointments for the 2017-2018 school year for Board information and review. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER TO APPROVE THE SUPPORT STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Catherine Burton has submitted the appropriate notification under the terms of the Lafayette CBA that she will be moving to Bachelors +15 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Superintendent Couture thanked the Board members in attendance at the SAU Full Board May meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The presentation by our Speech/Language Pathologist (SLP) Sheryl Moghari was well received by those in attendance. It is important that Board members understand the responsibilities of the Speech/Language Pathologist and the Speech/Language Assistants and the work they do with our students. Sheryl's presentation was very informative and well received by all.

Superintendent Couture briefed the Board on the status of Adequacy Aid at the current time. The Kindergarten bill should be on its way to the governor for his signature. Approval of this results in an additional \$1,750.00 in Kindergarten aid for participating districts.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that as the house did not pass the Governor's Budget, it is now in the hands of the senate. A motion has been made to the senate to freeze the 4% decrease proposed in the stabilization portion of Adequacy Aid. There is hope that this will pass the senate. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that it appears that the Professional Development Day held today at Profile and Lafayette pertaining to PACE Assessments and double scoring was a resounding success. Ellen Hume Howard worked with professional staff members from grades 3-12 at Profile and two additional representatives from Sanborn Regional School District worked with the K-2 staff members at Lafayette.

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of the NHSAA Champions for Children program from the presentation on Friday, May 12, 2017. Superintendent Couture wanted to share this with the Board as he found the Champions for Children nominees from the various areas of the state to be extremely dedicated to

the children statewide. The state wide winner, Tara Holmes Ball of the South East Region, received an award of \$2,500.00 to use in her program, Connors Climb. A brief discussion ensued.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed data on Fund Balance Retention for Board information and review briefing them on the contents and fielding questions as necessary. A brief discussion ensued.

Business Manager Peabody distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is (\$5,684.08). As discussed at the last meeting, a major reason for this deficit is unanticipated special education expenses. The Board can withdraw monies for this purpose from the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund to offset a portion of this deficit. In order to do so, the Board needs to hold a hearing for this purpose. They also will need a hearing to withdraw monies from the Technology Fund to cover expenditures in this capacity. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY AMY MULLINS, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO HOLD BOTH HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE JUNE BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017 AT 5:30 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

## BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

As addressed in Superintendent Couture's Report, the Full Board meeting was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

BUDGET – No Report

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Principal Johnk advised the Board that in an effort to save some monies the normal sweeping of the parking lot and purchasing of mulch did not occur this spring.

Principal Johnk advised that head Custodian Gerry Drapeau continues to do an excellent job while on a steep learning curve.

## POLICIES / PROCEDURES

Christi Gignac presented the following policies for second reading and approval:

IHBA	Programs for Students with Disabilities
IHBAA	Evaluation Requirements for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities

Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY CHRIS THAYER, SECONDED BY AMY MULLINS TO ACCEPT THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICIES FOR SECOND READING AND APPROVAL AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Denys Draper advised the Board that she attended the recent NHSBA School Board Member Orientation and briefed them on the items discussed.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO ADJOURN AT 6:33 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown  
Board Clerk