

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL BOARD
LAFAYETTE REGIONAL SCHOOL
MAIN STREET
FRANCONIA, NH 03580

DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2013
TIME: 5:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Tina Peabody, Board Members Thomas Eyman, Luther Kinney, Linda Gaitskill, Mary Jo Greene; Superintendent Paul MacMillan; Business Manager Sandra Stone; Principal Gordie Johnk; Staff Member Shelley Koehler

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peabody at 5:37 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that Shelley Koehler, Library/Technology Specialist is here this evening to seek their approval to continue with her certification under the Alternative IV program. When Ms. Koehler began this process, Library/Media Generalist Certification was included in the State of NH Critical Shortage areas making her eligible to pursue certification under this alternative process. Ms. Koehler has been working through this process with Jude Lepine of Profile School serving as her mentor. Upon submission of her data to achieve certification, Ms. Koehler was advised that this is no longer a Critical Shortage area. Upon contact with Dr. Judith Fillion, Administrator of NH DOE Bureau of Certification, Ms. Koehler was advised that she should approach the Board to discuss this issue and have them approve a local critical shortage area. Ms. Koehler has completed all aspects of this process and is now eligible for certification. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY TOM EYMAN, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS STILL A CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN THIS AREA OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND TO APPROVE SHELLEY KOEHLER'S COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Shelley Koehler thanked the Board for their action and left the meeting at 5:45 PM.

LPTO REPORT

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the LPTO met on February 4th. They approved a request for a program coordinated by Cindy McLaren and Toni Butterfield entitled Girls on the Run for \$129.00. This program is a team building and physical fitness program to empower girls and will be run through the Rec. Department. The LPTO also approved a request in the amount of \$50.00 from Beverly Frenkiewich for calendars.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the Honeywell Automated Calling System has been purchased and will be active in the near future.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the Nordic Ski Program is up and running with students participating during PE class as well as recess. The equipment is also being utilized by the Rec. Program.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that plans are underway for the Annual Spelling Bee with more details to follow. The Board will be asked to field a team again this year. Linda Gaitskill advised that the "Educated Spellers" are once again available.

MOTION BY THOMAS EYMAN, SECONDED BY LUTHER KINNEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10 AND FEBRUARY 4, 2013 MEETINGS AS WRITTEN. The following corrections were requested in the January 10th minutes

Page 1, paragraph 6, line 1 should read . . . BY THOMAS EYMAN
Page 3, paragraph 5, line 5 should read . . . at this juncture due to the . . .

The following corrections were requested in the February 4th minutes:

Page 1, paragraph 7, line 3 should read The majority of employees take the MT5 plan.
Page 2, paragraph 1, line 2 should read . . . and they are . . .
Page 2, paragraph 2, line 1 should read . . . an offshoot of Corey . . .
Page 2, paragraph 9, line 2 should read . . . Budget Hearing to follow . . .

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Principal Johnk advised the Board that it has been necessary to cancel two days of the winter program at Cannon Mountain to due extremely cold temperatures and/or thawing conditions this past month. Makeup sessions have been scheduled and we are now ascertaining if there will be enough adult volunteers for these sessions before a final decision is made. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk briefed the Board on the recently released NECAP Scores in Mathematics and Reading for grade 3-6. The overall scores for all were once again exceptional. The Reading scores are well beyond the state averages and show that student achievement has improved in this area. The Math scores are mostly above the state average but could use improvement. The staff will be reviewing and analyzing these scores to achieve greater student growth as the year progresses. Principal Johnk presented a brief PowerPoint overview of the scoring in each grade highlighting the proficiency levels achieved in each area. A brief discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that he attended the recent meeting in Concord pertaining to the revamping of Teacher Evaluations entitled Phase II: Educatory Effectiveness Kick-Off Meeting. Superintendent MacMillan distributed copies of the notes he took at this meeting for Board information and review along with a copy of the NH State Model Educator Support and Evaluation System. . An overview of the system was provided by Scott Marion and Commissioner Barry. They then broke up into groups set up by geographical locations. Karen Soule was assigned to the North Country Superintendents as their facilitator. Commissioner Barry emphasized that this system is not law as yet but is required for the lower 5% of the schools in the state. Also schools receiving Title I and Title II funds will be required to participate. Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that SAU 35 will be concentrating on numeracy and literacy. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that Virginia Clifford of the DOE will be working with SAU 35 in updating their Professional Development Plan due at the end of the year. Ms. Clifford recently attended the Professional Development Committee Meeting to begin this

process. SAU 35 has been selected to participate in the Learning Forward initiative at no charge. This initiative is among the opportunities being provided by the Gates Foundation. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent MacMillan distributed copies of the following for Board information and review:

NHSAA Legislative Updates and Overviews from January 11, and February 15, 2013
The October 2012 School Care Information pertaining to the Employer Guidance for Administering Premium Holiday and how this may affect SAU Districts
Primex information on Unemployment Compensation Bulleting for Education Officials
A memo from Michael Elwell of Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward & Loughman pertaining to Proposed Regulations Under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
Copy of an article from the Littleton Courier pertaining to the successful GED Program being run by Christie Shaw Doran
Copy of the Winter 2013 issue of the Drummond Woodsum School Law Advisory
SAU 35 Community Link, Volume 1, Issue 3

Superintendent MacMillan recommended the appointment of Angela Broscoe to the position of one-one paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY MARY JO GREENE, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANGELA BROSCOE TO THE POSITION OF ONE-ONE PARAPROFESSIONAL AS RECOMMENDED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent MacMillan addressed his recent request for early retirement presented to the Executive Board at their meeting on February 6, 2013 and apologized for notifying the Board of this via e-mail but he wanted the Board to hear it directly from him before hearing it on the street. Superintendent MacMillan briefed the Board on his future plans advising that he plans on staying in his current position until a suitable replacement is found. A brief discussion ensued.

FINANCIAL

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed copies of the School Lunch Report for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is (\$6,064.54).

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed copies of the Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$19,315.00. This amount includes monies being held for anticipated expenses, money for transfer to the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund and the proposed beginning balance for the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Stone briefed the Board on the changes since the prior reporting period fielding questions as necessary.

Business Manager Sandra Stone advised the Board that she and Superintendent MacMillan have met with a representative from Berry Transportation to address the issue of installing cameras on all buses. The cameras owned by Lafayette School District are approximately eight years old and maintenance costs would fall to the District's responsibility. Following a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to request that Superintendent MacMillan discuss this issue with the Profile and Bethlehem Boards to see if there is interest in purchasing new cameras and splitting the cost three ways. A brief discussion ensued.

BOARD REPORTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD

This was covered by Superintendent MacMillan in his report.

BUDGET

Mary Jo Greene requested clarification on a couple of budget items prior to this evening's hearing.

MOTION BY MARY JO GREENE, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO RECESS THE MEETING AT 6:57 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting will be reconvened following the Budget Hearing.

Respectfully submitted;

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL BOARD, MARCH 14, 2013