

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

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 PM

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Board Members Vice Chairman Thomas Eyman; Linda Gaitskill, Christi Gignac, Denys Draper; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Tina Peabody; Principal Gordie Johnk; Administrative Assistant Toni Butterfield. Absent: Board Chairman Luther Kinney.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Vice Chairman Thomas Eyman.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

### LPTO REPORT

Toni Butterfield handed out The Christmas concert and cookie sale will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014 MEETING AS CORRECTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Page 1, paragraph 6, line 6 should read . . . will also aid in the ...

Page 2, paragraph 11, line 4 should read . . . FROM THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS EXPENDABLE TRUST . . .

Page 4, paragraph 3, line 5 should read . . . that it was the voters ....

Page 4, paragraph 3, lines 1 and 4 . . . change Union to Association ....

Page 4, paragraph 3, line 6 should read . . . LINDA GAITSKILL MADE A MOTION ...

TOM EYMAN questioned if it was a price for "Unemployment Insurance" as he thought all was handled directly with the State. Business Manager Tina Peabody replied that was correct and gave a brief explanation.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Johnk passed out his written report the Board on the contents and fielding questions as necessary.

Principal Johnk noted that many family and friends attended the Thanksgiving luncheon. He advised the Board that while some of the class activities are in the report all classes are doing good and special things. He is enjoying his 10 minute walk-throughs as part of the new evaluation process and finding it a very positive experience.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that report cards were issues after the parent/teacher conferences. Any conversations he has had about full day kindergarten have been positive.

Thanked the Budget Committee for their input and time. It works really well to have several different pairs of ideas from varied backgrounds looking at the budget line by line.

No update on the wood pellet project. Hopefully we will have a contract by the end of January. A brief discussion ensued.

The Holiday concert will be Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The adult spelling bee will be in February or March.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Marge is setting the dates for the Budget and Annual Meeting dates and should be able to move Lafayette's date from the Thursday that conflicts with the concert.

Superintendent Couture commented on the positive spirit he witnessed at the recycle sale and what a Positive force the PTO is.

## FINANCIAL

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody provided the Board with a preliminary school lunch report through the end of November noting that the number of meals served is holding steady at the higher rate.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed copies of the Financial Report (Surplus Deficit Statement) for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$51,145. She also noted that the maximum amounts for Worker's Compensation and the Property/Liability Insurances were received from Primex for Budgeting. Worker's Compensation increased to \$5,711 from \$5,288 and the Property Insurance from \$6,733 to \$7,104.

Business Manager Tina Peabody also distributed a budget summary report to go along with the Budget Discussion at a later point in the meeting.

## BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Denys Draper mentioned that there had been a meeting of the Executive Board prior to the full Board meeting. Superintendent Couture explained that the meeting was to accept Ann Huddleston as the new Grant Manager and to accept the resignation of the Speech Therapist who mainly served in Lisbon.

There was a brief discussion about the adoption of the SAU budget.

Denys Draper noted that she was not getting the emails from the NHSBA. Christie Gignac noted that she is not either. Superintendent Couture will have Marge look into this.

## BUDGET

Principal Johnk handed out budget summary pages that he and Toni Butterfield had developed showing the increases in Dollars and percentages.

There as a discussion about the window and painting projects with a vote being deferred until January. The consensus was that these would not be added to the budget but presented as warrant articles.

Linda Gaitskill noted that have a solid figure for the Wood Pellet project would be helpful. There was a brief discussion about the USDA grant and the PUC Rebates. The USDA grant request needs to be completed by January 16<sup>th</sup> to assure funding in 2015.

Gordie thanked Toni for the time and effort in creating the spreadsheet which was very helpful in assessing the budget and the cost of the different options.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Covered in the Budget Discussion.

#### NEGOTIATIONS

Tom Eyman said that Erica would see that the signed tentative agreement was sent to Marge.

#### POLICIES/PROCEDURES

After brief discussions all policies were accepted as present for a First Reading. DENYS DRAPER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICIES AS PRESENTED FOR A FIRST READING. LINDA GAITSKILL SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

Toni Butterfield left the meeting at 6:45

#### NON-PUBLIC

DENYS DRAPER MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION BRING PRINCIPAL JOHNK, SUPERINTENDENT COUTURE AND BUSINESS MANAGER TINA PEABODY TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. CHRISTI GIGNAC SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE AT 6:56 TO COME OF OUT NON-PUBLIC BY LINDA GAITSKILL. MOTION SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER. ALL IN FAVOR THE MOTION CARRIED.

There was a brief discussion on whether the non-public minutes should be sealed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

After a brief discussion it was decided to hold the Kindergarten information session as part of the Public input at the January meeting and to hold the meeting in the Library. Information on the meeting will be posted on the web site, at the Town Offices, the landfill and other locations.

There was a brief discussion about the process of signing the Manifests.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER TO ADJOURN AT 7:07 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Peabody  
Business Manager

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL BOARD JANUARY 8, 2015