

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Vice Chairman Eyman.

PUBLIC INUT – None

LPTO REPORT

Toni Butterfield advised the Board that the LPTO has allocated approximately \$12,000.00 during the current school year for various endeavors. The most recent funding by the LPTO is \$1,350.00 for the purchase of Lego Mind Storm Units.

Ms. Butterfield advised the Board that the LPTO has been having an ongoing conversation pertaining to the changes in volunteering availability by parents. There are not as many volunteers as in the past and there is a growing apathy that “someone else can do that”. The LPTO will continue to the best of its abilities and will be searching for and encouraging new individuals to participate. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2015 MEETING AS WRITTEN. The following corrections were requested:

Page 1, paragraph 6, line 2 should read . . . TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESS MANAGER
Page 3, paragraph 6, line 2 should read . . . has been rolled out to staff.

ALL IN FAVOR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTIONS, 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 noted that the last month of every school year is a combination of both excitement and trepidation. Students eagerly await the beginning of summer vacation for the most part although some students miss the consistency and safety of the daily schedule. The academic year is coming to a close and has been filled with end of the year activities including a very successful whale watch and trip to Boston for grades five and six.

The sixth graders developed and facilitated the annual Festival of the Arts day with nine different stations that the students rotated through. This was extremely well done and very successful.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the third graders went to Copper Cannon Camp; went to Remick Farm; and, K-1 students visited the Montshire Museum.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the faculty will be involved in two Mathematics workshops this summer; one will be to review the Eureka Math Program and the second will be with Dr. Mahesh Sharma who will be presenting on this program.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the Lafayette School Vision Committee will begin their work this summer. The goal is to write a Vision Statement for our school. This will differ from the Mission Statement as it will more specifically address timing and goals. Staff members, Board and community members will participate in this process. The draft will be brought to the Board for approval.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that it has become necessary to hire an additional 1-1 aide for the 2015-2016 school year. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk distributed Student Growth Summary Reports for the NWEA Testing Program results briefing the Board on the contents. These results show how classes fared in reading, language usage, mathematics, and general science for grade levels tested in each category. Reading is tested in K-6; Language Usage in Grades 2-6; Mathematics in K-6; and, Science in grades 3-6. All in all, Lafayette students are progressing nicely and showing successful growth in all areas.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that they need to set summer meeting dates. Historically the Board has not met in July unless needed. There was a bit of concern as to whether a meeting would be needed for the award of summer painting and window projects. It was the consensus of the Board to do a poll via e-mail or call a meeting if necessary in July. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

FINANCIAL

Manifests were circulated for Board review and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$25,410.04. This includes the \$20,699.00 for the wood pellet project which was not previously encumbered. Ms. Peabody anticipates that other P.O.'s will be closed to increase the final balance for yearend. A brief discussion ensued.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed School Lunch Report for Board information and review noting that it appears that the yearend figures will be close but she anticipates finishing within the \$12,981.00 amount budgeted for this purpose.

BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Denys Draper reported that the June Executive Board meeting had been very short. The engagement letter for the Audit by Vachon, Clukay and Associates was presented for the Chairman's signature. The Board was advised that electrical upgrades were being provided at the SAU office. Two 20 amp circuits have been installed in the server room to provide dedicated lines for the air conditioner and server.

The Lafayette and Bethlehem Representatives met following the meeting to discuss the possible grade six consolidation at Profile School. It appears that BES members have the same thoughts and concern as those of Lafayette. Following this discussion consideration was given to the subject being raised under other business at next year's annual meetings if interested parties feel this would be a worthwhile move.

BUDGET – No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the installation of the silo and heat exchanger is moving forward. Principal Johnk explained how the system will work. The demolition of the old boiler will begin tomorrow. The permits for the underground propane tank have been filed and now we are waiting for the state inspector to let Presby Construction know when they will be on site for the removal of the oil tank and to check the ground in

this area which is anticipated to happen in the next couple of weeks. The location of the propane tank is being reviewed to be sure it is in line with the appropriate setbacks, etc.

Principal Johnk further advised the Board that the gauge to measure the pellet usage was not included in the original price quote but he has been able to negotiate with Maine Energy on this and it will be included in the cost. However the ladder guard which prevents anyone from climbing the ladder on the silo is not included in the price. Principal Johnk has requested that this be ordered. A brief discussion ensued.

Linda Gaitskill advised the Board that they committee is unsure on the window costs at this point. They are seeking input from the manufacturers as to ADA compliance and any other specific specifications that exist for window replacement in schools. The windows need to fall within the codes as they exist today as opposed to the codes that were in existence when the school was built. The board is finalizing the type, etc. in order to accurately solicit bids. It is hoped that the RFP for the windows will be completed in the near future. The painting project will fall in place following the completion of the window installation. A brief discussion ensued.

NEGOTIATIONS – No Report

POLICIES/

Christi Gignac presented the following policies for first reading:

GBEF	Acceptable Internet Use for Staff
JICL	School District Internet Access for Students
JICL-R	Acceptable Internet Use for Students/Computer Code of Conduct

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICIES FOR FIRST READING AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 5:12 PM UNDER PARAGRAPH II, SECTION 2 OF RSA 91A:3 OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW TO DISCUSS ELECTION ISSUES TAKING SUPERINTENDENT COUTURE, BUSINESS MANAGER PEABODY. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY CHRISI GIGNAC TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 5:15 PM. ALL IN FAVOR FOLLOWING A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Denys Draper inquired as to if there is anything that the Lafayette Board can do to assist Profile during Ms. Vashaw's absence.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO ADJOURN AT 5:18 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL BOARD AUGUST 13, 2015