

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

DATE: JULY 7, 2014
TIME: 5:00 PM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Chairman Kinney.

SCHOOL LUNCH BID DISCUSSION / AWARD

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed copies of the two submitted bids from Abbey Group and Café Services for Board information and review. Ms. Peabody advised the Board that there are summaries of the financial portions of the bids and that the full bid proposals are available should anyone wish to review them. The cost factor for which the district would be responsible for the 204-2015 school year is as follows:

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| Abbey Group | \$27,865.62 |
| Café Services | \$12,981.00 |

Principal Johnk commented that beginning in 2015, school lunch managers will be required to have a degree in nutrition or food services administration. Current employees will be grandfathered but as they need to be replaced, the degree status will apply. This can prove to be very costly to the district as the salary would be much higher than it currently is.

It was further noted that this is a good time to make this change. The program has been overseen by Phyllis Pina of Lisbon Regional School with one full time employee on site as well. This employee resigned at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

Business Manager Peabody is recommending that the Board award the bid to Café Services at a cost of \$12,981.00 for the 2014-2015 school year. This is an annual contract with the option of four renewals totaling a five year period. The district has the right to cancel the contract at any time with a ninety day notice and also can choose to not renew at the end of the school year.

Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY THOMAS EYMAN, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR TO CAFÉ SERVICES AT A COST OF \$12,981.00. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that his office will contact Bill Van Zandt of Café Services in the morning to advise him of this award.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING DISCUSSION

Business Manager Tina Peabody advised the Board that the current projected yearend balance for the 2013-2014 school year is \$18,514.00. This is \$6,586.00 less than the hoped for \$25,000.00 to be returned to the towns to reduce taxes. The Board has the option to remove the \$6,586.00 from the Special Education Capital Reserve fund. Following a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board

to leave the anticipated yearend balance at \$18,514.00. This amount once finalized will be what is returned to the towns.

OTHER BUSINESS

Principal Johnk distributed copies of a letter received from Janey Thornton, Deputy Under Secretary, USDA, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services pertaining to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 summarizing the improvements made to date for Board information and review. Principal Johnk also distributed copies of an article from District Administrator publication; July 2014 issue entitled The Nutrition Crunch for Board information and review.

Business Manager Peabody asked for a status update on the RFP for the pellet system. Principal Johnk advised that Wayne Fillion of Yeaton Associates is handling this for the district and he will contact him tomorrow to check the status. A brief discussion ensued.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY DENYS DRAPER TO ADJOURN AT 5:40 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk