

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

DATE: MARCH 11, 2015  
TIME: 5:00 PM

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chairman Kinney.

PUBLIC INUT – None

### LPTO REPORT

Toni Butterfield advised that Board that there has not been a meeting as yet this month.

MOTION BY LINDA GAITSKILL, SECONDED BY CHRISTI GIGNAC TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2015 MEETING AS WRITTEN. The following corrections were requested:

Page 2, paragraph 8, line 4 should read . . . hurdle to this program . . .

Page 2, paragraph 9, line 1 should read . . . contractors to whom Wayne Fillion of Yeaton Associates has invited to bid on . . .

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 advised the Board that the ice on the roof slid and knocked the drainage out of whack resulting in a leak. This has been addressed by Head Custodian Stan Sawicki shoveling the roof and applying to salt to the affected areas. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised that the Artist in Residence program by "No Strings Marionettes" was completed last week. This was tied in to literature and as such the Read Across America program. The students had a great time expressing their favorite characters in art form. This proved to be an educational and fun filled week culminating in the students sharing their puppets. Many thanks to the LPTO for making this possible.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that Grades 3-6 are busy preparing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment program which will be computer generated for the first time this year. This will be challenging for students in many aspects especially the writing component which will take forty-five minutes. This will be more demanding than the previous testing programs. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that he has completed the NISL (National Institute for School Leadership Executive Development Program). Principal Johnk found this to be an extremely educational, beneficial, and rewarding program and is grateful for the opportunity to advance his administrative skills.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that the Administrative Team recently attended a workshop at NCES pertaining to training on the new evaluation and walk-through programs. The team found this to be very educational with outstanding data provided. This was the first of a two part workshop.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that the Charlotte Danielson books purchased for all professional staff members pertaining to the evaluation process have been received. Each building administrator will be conducting book discussions to assist the staff members with understanding this process and its implementation.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that he was not selected as the successful candidate in the SAU 36 Superintendent search.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Marilyn Booth, Landaff Board Chairman has been selected as the North Country Region's Champion for Children nominee. Marilyn is amazing in her volunteer efforts for the Landaff School District and its children.

## 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 \$1,557.67. This includes monies being held for substitutes, student activities, etc., along with the projected monies for the fuel oil bid and the proposed beginning balance. A brief discussion ensued.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed copies of the School Lunch Report for Board information and review noting that the program is holding strong and still maintaining a significant increase in meals served over those of last year.

Business Manager Tina Peabody advised the Board that beginning in May, Profile School will be offering an online program for parents for the payment of and monitoring of their student's school meals program. If this is successful in Profile it may be considered for Lafayette students as well. A brief discussion ensued.

## BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairman Kinney advised the Board that the Executive Board will be meeting next Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## BUDGET

Tom Eyman advised the Board that the presentation of the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year for this evening's annual meeting is ready to go.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Chairman Kinney advised the Board that Wayne Fillion of Yeaton Associates has been working with McGee Plumbing to put together competitive pricing to move forward with the project. As the silo and fire box have already been purchased this changes the scope of the project which many of the contractors felt became too small for their summer work plans. McGee is developing plans to proceed with the installation prior to the end of the school year in the late spring. This will result in the need to temporarily close part of the parking lot as school will still be in session. Chairman Kinney advised the Board that some of the Maine Energy Systems contractor requirements had also contributed to the lack of bidders on the project. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Kinney noted that the Board needs to have a signed contract in hand prior to applying for the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) Grant.

Linda Gaitskill advised the Board that the presentation on the proposed windows and painting projects is all set for tonight. The figures have increased a bit for the replacement of forty-eight windows and five doors originally estimate at \$45,000.00 coming in at \$48,000.00. The estimate for the painting from Fall Line Painting is \$3,000.00 for repairs and \$12,000.00 for painting. A brief discussion ensued.

NEGOTIATIONS – No Report

POLICIES - No Report

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed having Moderator James Walker direct any questions this evening pertaining to the Wood Pellet System to the end of the meeting.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY THOMAS EYMAN TO ADJOURN AT 6:00 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie Brown  
Board Clerk

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL BOARD APRIL 9, 2015