

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

DATE: OCT. 11, 2012
TIME: 5:30PM

MINUTES - APPROVED

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.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peabody at 5:38 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

LPTO

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the LPTO has decided to postpone the Silent Auction from November 2, 2012 to April 5, 2013. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year and a huge undertaking. The LPTO is seeking more interest and participation from parents in this endeavor along with an individual willing to chair the event. Moving the date will give them more time to bring in donations, disseminate duties, etc. in order to create a more successful event. A brief discussion ensued.

Currently the LPTO has approximately \$13,000.00 in their treasury. They have contributed funding during the 2012-2013 school year thus far for the Birds of Prey and Folk Singers presentations at Lafayette Regional School.

MOTION BY THOMAS EYMAN, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING AS WRITTEN. The following correction was requested:

Page 2, paragraph 2, line 7 should read . . . the Monarch Butterfly Project . . .

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 the enrollment has increased to 110 students with the addition of three new students. Principal Johnk advised that one of the new students will require extensive services and currently the staff is adjusting to this and providing the needed services. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the Kindergarten Classroom has been converted to a "nut-free" classroom due to a medical issue involving a student's allergic reaction to nuts. All Kindergarten parents have been notified of this potentially serious situation both via e-mail and letter from Principal Johnk. A copy of the letter was included with the Principal's written report for Board information and review. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the annual Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner and Lafayette Regional's Fall Open House were a huge success. The Lion's Club served approximately 175 meals. Following this dinner, parents visited the classrooms to review their students' work. There were many positive comments pertaining to the evening.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that Friday Community Meetings continue to be filled with wonderful educational and enrichment activities. This includes rules and expectations review with students, a birds of prey exhibit, Pinwheels for Peace and a folk singing concert. On the horizon for Community Meetings is Fire Prevention, Halloween Safety and the 4th Grade Monster Project. Sixth graders have been acting as mentors for the younger students during these meetings.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) testing is underway for students in grades 3-6 in Mathematics and Reading along with a writing portion for grade 5.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the NECAP Science Test scores from last spring have been received and will be sent home to parents next week. 79% of grade 4 students tested proficient, 14% (2 students) tested partially proficient, and 7% (1 student) tested substantially below proficient. Principal Johnk distributed copies of released questions for Board information and review. A brief discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that the SAU Budget Hearing and Full Board Meeting will be held as follows:

SAU Budget Hearing, Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 6:00 PM at Profile School
Full Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 6:00 PM at Profile School

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that the October 5th SAU wide Professional Development Day was held at Profile School with Ann Spencer of New England College presenting a program on Core Curriculum from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. The program was very informative for all participants. Ms. Spencer conducted a survey upon the completion of the program which resulted in very positive responses.

Superintendent MacMillan updated the Board on the Race to the Top Grant status. Superintendent MacMillan thanked his Administrative Team for assisting him with providing information requested for the grant process. Superintendent MacMillan distributed copies of the RTTT Executive Summary for Board information and review. Superintendent MacMillan also advised the Board that a copy of the entire grant application is available for their review if they so desire.

Superintendent MacMillan advised the Board that a discussion pertaining to budgeting and the need to be as conservative as possible when developing the 2013-2014 budgets was held at the NCSAA meeting earlier today. A brief discussion ensued.

FINANCIAL

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Administrator Sandra Stone distributed the first School Lunch Report of the 2012-2013 school year noting that the estimated yearend balance currently is (\$5,357.02). Ms. Stone advised the Board that the state revenue for school lunch has been received. The federal monies will not be paid until all data entry has been completed on the newly revised website.

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$62,086.00. This includes all monies being held for unencumbered items. A brief discussion ensued.

BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mary Jo Greene advised that the Board met on October 2, 2012. The majority of the discussion was covered under the Superintendent's report. Ms. Greene advised the Board that the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation form will be distributed in the near future for Board members to complete.

BUDGET

Principal Johnk advised that all members of the proposed Budget Committee have agreed to serve in this capacity. Tom Eyman advised that the first meeting will be held on Friday, October 19th.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Principal Johnk advised that they are still awaiting the delivery of one mat to complete the carpet project.

NEGOTIATIONS/PERSONNEL

Tom Eyman called the Board's attention to the e-mail received from the Lafayette Education Association indicating that they are declaring an impasse has been reached. Mr. Eyman stated that this is not the Board negotiating committee's belief. They were under the impression that they are waiting for the Health Insurance Rates (Guaranteed Maximum Rates) to be released. The subject of mediation was raised, how it works and the costs associated with it. A brief discussion ensued.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES

Linda Gaitskill advised the Board that the Fall NHSBA Policy updates have been received. The Policy Committee will begin their review of these at their next meeting.

Ms. Gaitskill further advised the Board that the Bradley Kidder Law Conference was held recently. Barrett Christina, NHSBA Legal Counsel has forwarded the data from this conference to Ms. Gaitskill who would be happy to share it with the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY MARY JO GREENE, SECONDED BY LINDA GAITSKILL TO ADJOURN AT 6:48 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted;

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

Approved by the Lafayette School Board, October 11, 2012