

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

DATE: SEPT. 13, 2012
TIME: 5:30PM

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Tina Peabody, Board Members Thomas Eyman, Luther Kinney, Mary Jo Greene, Business Manager Sandra Stone; Principal Gordie Johnk; Community Member Rebecca Brown.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peabody at 5:42 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT

Rebecca Brown, Sugar Hill resident and candidate for the State Legislature representing Franconia, Sugar Hill, Lisbon, Lyman and Monroe appeared before the Board to let them know of her candidacy and her position on current issues. Ms. Brown advised the Board that one of her foremost focus areas will be on maintaining excellence in education. Ms. Brown stated that she feels that it will be an interesting period in Concord for the next couple of years. If elected she plans on visiting with area school boards on a regular basis to hear their issues and convey what is going on in Concord. Chairman Peabody advised Ms. Brown that the Board is most concerned with the changes in the employer contribution to the NH Retirement group along with the many unfunded mandates put forth by both the state and federal government. Following a brief discussion the Board thanked Ms. Brown for her input.

LPTO

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the LPTO met last Monday. They reviewed the various activities scheduled for the fall and winter and appointed a chairman or co-chairman for each. The major focus at this point is on the annual Silent Auction which is scheduled for November 2nd at the Village House.

MOTION BY THOMAS EYMAN, SECONDED BY LUTHER KINNEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2012 MEETING AS WRITTEN. The following correction was requested:

Page 1, paragraph 8, line 6 should read . . . boiler room ceiling still containing . . .

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 opening day enrollment was 107 students which is a slight decrease from last year.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that on the second day of school they had a visit from Doris Mager of the Save Our American Raptor (S.O.A.R.) Society. Ms. Mager provided a presentation which utilized a great horned owl, a screech owl and a kestrel which is somewhat like a falcon.

The students learned about these raptors and also had a chance to hold them on their hand. A program was also held in the evening for the public. Both presentations were extremely well received and very successful. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised that students are very involved in three initiatives to start the school year which are International Peace Day, the Monarch Butterfly Project and Skyping with other students/classrooms around the world. In observance of International Peace Day students are involved in activities that focus on being kind and helping each other. Older students are reading to the younger students in the lobby each morning. This is part of the school goal of developing the appropriate social/emotional development of each student. Grade four is once again spearheading the Monarch Butterfly Project. Currently the chrysalises are forming in one of the school showcases. They take approximately nineteen days to emerge as butterflies. These are then tagged and set free. The students will eagerly await confirmation from the researchers in Mexico as to whether any of them finish the long migration. Grade one students have been Skyping with two different first grades in India and Kenya. One school is in an impoverished area of Kenya and the other in an affluent area of India. The students are thoroughly involved in this project. This project is being coordinated through E-Pals. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that the Outdoor Program for grades five and six is in full swing. They have had presentations by Tin Mountain Conservation on plant life and the AMC on the use of maps and compasses. The first hike of the year will take place tomorrow on the Pemi Trail.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that Lafayette is moving forward with professional development activities aimed at better meeting and implementation of the Common Core Standards. The staff met during the summer with a language arts consultant for three days to discuss how to modify reading and writing instruction to meet these standards. The August in-service workshop reviewed the plans for changing standards in these areas. Staff will participate in the SAU wide October 5th Professional Development Day which will be dedicated to the Common Core Standards. A brief discussion ensued.

Principal Johnk advised that there has been an outbreak of lice at Lafayette Regional as well as other schools in the area. The principals and school nurses met earlier today at Profile School to review policies and look towards the implementation of an SAU wide policy for dealing with this situation. Principal Johnk will present their findings to the Policy Committee for their input. A brief discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It was noted that Superintendent MacMillan was not present this evening due to a medical issue and medical appointments in Boston.

The following data was distributed for Board information and review:

- SAU wide Enrollment Report for Opening Day
- Principal Formative Evaluation Instrument
- Proposed New Look at Professional Development
- NHSAA Update of 8/31/12
- Invitation for all Board members to attend the State Board of Education Meeting at WMRHS on September 19, 2012
- NHSBA Information on Downshift of Retirement System Costs to Local Level
- NHSBA Information on the DOE Release of Plans for ESEA Flexibility Waiver
- NH DOE Technical Advisory on Changes in Home School Notification and Evaluation Procedures
- Drummond/Woodsum Summer 2012 School Law Advisory

A brief discussion ensued. Any additional questions should be directed to Superintendent MacMillan.

FINANCIAL

Manifests were circulated for Board information and approval.

Business Manager Sandra Stone distributed the first and very preliminary Financial Report of the 2012-2013 school year for Board information and review noting that the current projected year-end balance is \$58,212.00. A brief discussion ensued.

Business Manager Sandra Stone advised the Board that the savings in kilowatt hours for May & June was \$190.00 and from June 22 through the last statement was \$324.00.

Business Manager Sandra Stone advised the Board that she has received notification from Primex pertaining to a 2012 Premium Holiday for the Workers Compensation Program. This reduces the net contribution significantly and will result in a savings for Lafayette in the amount of \$1,600.80. A brief discussion ensued.

Business Manager Sandra Stone advised the Board that she solicited Fuel Oil Bids for the SAU and received bids from Irving Oil, Dead River and Stiles Fuel. The bid from Irving Oil was disallowed as the quote was only good until 3:30 PM on the bid date and bids were due at 4:00 PM. After a thorough review, Ms. Stone is recommending awarding of the Fuel Oil Bid for the 2012-2013 school year to Stiles Fuel at a prepaid cost of \$3.386 per gallon. The district budgeted for 15,000 gallons at an estimated cost of \$3.00 per gallon for a total of \$45,000. The usage for last year was 10,655 gallons and the solicited bid called for 11,200 gallons which at the acceptance of the prepaid cost would total \$37,923.20. It was noted that should the district actually need more than the 11,200 gallons, the pricing would stand until June 30th. Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY MARY JO GREENE, SECONDED BY TOM EYMAN TO APPROVE THE AWARDING OF THE FUEL OIL BID FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR AT A PREPAID COST OF \$3.386 PER GALLON TO STILES FUEL. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Business Manager Sandra Stone addressed the Downshift of Retirement System Costs to Local Levels mentioned during the Superintendent's Report. The projected employers share for the next two years is as follows:

Employees are currently at 8.80% and this will increase to 10.77%
Teachers are currently at 11.30% and this will increase to 14.16%

This is a significant increase and will need to be addressed during each district's budget process. A brief discussion ensued.

Business Manager Sandra Stone advised the Board that she is budgeting for a health insurance increase of 3% and a dental insurance increase of 2.5% as she begins to prepare preliminary budgets for the 2013-2014 school year. The GMR's (Guaranteed Maximum Rates) are anticipated to be received in October.

Luther Kinney advised that while reviewing the manifest he noted that the district deals with Tri State for fire extinguisher inspections, etc. He suggested that they consider Vermont Fire Extinguisher for this purpose which should prove to be a significant savings. He will forward the contact information to Principal Johnk.

Luther Kinney requested input as to how and when the budget surplus which was returned to the town is arrived at and what can be done in the future to possibly utilize some of these funds

for purchases. Following a brief discussion it was decided that this will be placed on the April agenda for Board review.

BOARD REPORTS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mary Jo Greene advised that the Board met on September 4, 2012. The majority of the discussion was covered under the Superintendent's report. Ms. Greene advised the Board that Ed Murdough, NH DOE Administrator of Building Aid recently resigned.

BUDGET

Principal Johnk advised that he has developed a Budget Meeting Schedule which will cover seven meetings beginning on October 19th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. All meetings will be open to the public.

Principal Johnk advised the Board that he would like expand the Budget Committee this year to two community members rather than one as in the past. He is suggesting the following membership for this committee;

Board Members	Thomas Eyman Mary Jo Greene
Parents	Trevor Hamilton Jason Tors
Staff Representative	Beverly Frenkiewich
Community Members	Susan Ford David McPhaul
Principal	Gordie Johnk

Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY TOM TYMAN, SECONDED BY LUTHER KINNEY TO APPROVE THE EXPANSION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED AND TO APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

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

NEGOTIATIONS/PERSONNEL

Tom Eyman updated the Board on the status of negotiations advising that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES – No Report

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY TOM EYMAN, SECONDED BY LUTHER KINNEY TO ADJOURN AT 7:10 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted;

Marjorie Brown
Board Clerk

APPROVED BY THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL BOARD ON OCTOBER 12, 2012