



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

MEETING NOTICE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif - absent
Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Donna White - absent
Colleen Shapiro

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Guests

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- * Call to Order – In Dr. Reif's absence, Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report – None.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes – None.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures.
 - * Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Calmes reported the following:
 - The Winter Concert performance took place at the high school last night. The Band Concert is scheduled for tomorrow night.
 - We had a great start to basketball season.
 - The Football Banquet was last week.
 - 'Tis the season for giving: there is a giving tree at the high school; the PTO is sponsoring the annual Gift Mart; the National Honor Society will be at the library to do free wrapping. Students are embracing the notion of giving back to those in need.
 - There was a discussion about the School Building Committee and who needs to be on the committee. Appointments need to be made within 60 days by the Board of Selectmen. We will start the push after the holidays.
 - * Student Report – None.
 - * Public Comment – A gentleman from the Ayer/Shirley school building committee commented that he was in attendance out of interest in the reconfiguration process.
 - * New Business
 - Discussion
 - a. Agenda Items for Workshop Meetings – Dr. Berthiaume talked about the importance of attending the upcoming meetings, including the Board of Selectmen meeting on December 20 when there will be a presentation on understanding the complexities of school funding. Reconfiguration meetings will begin in January. Superintendent Calmes spoke about the special education population being served in district. More social/emotional issues are being seen across the district. We will schedule a special education presentation into one of the upcoming meetings. A budget discussion will be scheduled for

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the February 15 meeting after House 1 comes out. Superintendent Calmes will put a timeline on the website. This would be useful for the January 18 meeting. We will discuss reconfiguration at that meeting. On February 1 we will discuss the MSBA process and have a presentation on special education; on February 8 we will invite the building committee to the meeting and discuss the building project. It would be helpful to have the February 15 meeting at the high school. Ms. Landi will check on its availability.

* Old Business
Discussion

- a. FY13 Proposed Budget & Superintendent's Recommendation – Superintendent Calmes noted that enrollment is stable, even with many students coming and going. We are seeing an increase at the PK level. The superintendent reviewed enrollment numbers at the grade levels, Tri-Town and Emerald Place, and non-resident/choice. Out-of-district tuitions and transportation costs were looked at from September 2011 to current. We are now over budget by approximately \$100,000 in tuitions and \$85,000 in transportation costs. Superintendent Calmes stated this is a preliminary budget, not the recommended budget; we are waiting to hear on the Race to the Top grant, which would be \$96,000 over four years. There is much work to be done for that; the state should be coming forward with a model for districts to use. The superintendent, along with the administrators and LEA leadership will participate in an Educator Evaluation model webinar on January 16. Professional Development will be very focused for the next four years, working to align with the common core. There was a discussion on projections for personnel and non-personnel, while looking at increased costs and the loss of Ed Jobs Funding. There was a discussion about giving the Town a smart board from TCP. The projection for non-personnel is higher than originally anticipated. This is a level service budget. There was also a discussion around an override and/or debt exclusion for a level service budget or increased services.

Action

- a. Third Reading – Math Curriculum – Superintendent Calmes assured everyone that the curriculum documents are aligned with the Common Core. However, not all daily lessons are yet fully aligned. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to waive the third reading and adopt the math curriculum. Vote: unanimous.

- * Public Comment – Mr. Mackin commented that the MASC is talking about implementing a pre-test assessment with regard to concussions.

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee - Reconfiguration
b. Finance Committee
c. School Councils
d. PTO
e. Policy Sub-Committee
f. Capital Planning Committee
g. Health Advisory Committee – The group met today. Dr. Asher was in attendance to present on his work in Honduras. There was some communication from LUK today; they are looking to get a grant and are seeking a participant from the Lunenburg school district for their group.
h. PAC/SAL
i. Regional Planning Committee
j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
l. Other

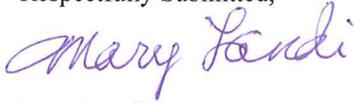
* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

- * Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. – None.
- * Adjournment – Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 1/4/12

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