



# Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes  
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, June 6, 2012  
Town Hall  
6:30 p.m. – Retirees' Reception  
7:00 p.m. – Meeting

## Minutes

### School Committee

David Reif  
Gregory Berthiaume  
Michael Mackin  
Colleen Shapiro  
Brendan Grady - absent

Superintendent  
Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary  
Mary Landi

Student Representative  
Emma Degrace

### Guests

Albert Carlson, Susan Glenny, Jennifer Hood Biker  
Jessica Beardmore, Students

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- \* Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
  - \* Chairman's Report
  - \* Review and Approve Minutes
    - May 5, 2012 Regular Session Minutes – approved by Dr. Reif.
    - May 23, 2012 Regular Session Minutes – approved by Dr. Reif.
    - May 23, 2012 Executive Session Minutes – approved by Dr. Reif.
  - \* Review and Approve Warrants – There was one document with numerous line item transfers on it. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval. Warrants were on the table for signatures.
  - \* Superintendent's Report
    - Recognition of Retirees – Superintendent Calmes recognized the school district personnel retiring this year (Ms. Christine Bonci was recognized at a previous meeting). They include Mr. Al Carlson with 18 years of employment as a district-wide maintenance person; Mrs. Susan Glenny with 19 years of service as a school nurse at THMS as well as being the Nursing Coordinator; and Ms. Jennifer Hood Biker with 16 years of service as a grade 8 teacher. The superintendent said a few words about each of the retirees and thanked them for their service. Mr. Londa also wished Mr. Carlson a restful retirement and thanked him for all his service. Mrs. Snape from the Lunenburg PTO recognized each of the retirees' years of service with a certificate. Dr. Reif presented each retiree with a certificate and a pen. Next, Superintendent Calmes recognized Mr. Joe Dillon for his year of service as interim principal at Lunenburg High School. Mr. Dillon thanked Supt. Calmes for the opportunity to serve the Lunenburg High School community. Lastly, the superintendent recognized Ms. Donna White for her service on the Lunenburg School Committee.
    - April 2012 France/Spain Trip - Report from Students – Ms. Beardmore and LHS students Ethan Proctor and Natalie Hansel addressed the school committee. Ethan and Natalie each spoke about different places they visited in France and Spain, as a slideshow of the trip played for the audience and committee members to see. Both students said it was a wonderful opportunity and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Ms. Beardmore also spoke about some of the highlights of the trip.

- \* Student Report – Ms. Degrace reported the following:
  - The track team had a Pentathlon and Decathlon today.
  - Baccalaureate was held yesterday.
  - Seniors’ pasta dinner will take place tomorrow at 5:00.
  - Graduation is this coming Saturday.

Dr. Reif said the track events were cancelled due to rain today.

- \* New Business

a. Consolidation of PK-12 Students into Three Buildings – Superintendent Calmes welcomed everyone and thanked them for being present to listen to this proposal. She began the PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the school reconfiguration by grades, followed by reviewing how bussing would be impacted in terms of school start times. Extended Day from the Primary would be bussed to TCP. Kindergarten students would be bussed home with the other students. She talked about consolidation cost/benefits district-wide. The administrators from LHS and THMS talked about the opportunities and challenges that would be faced with this consolidation. There was a discussion about the schools having to go from three to four lunches. Superintendent Calmes shared the opportunities and challenges at the Primary School, in Ms. Bonci’s absence. Under this initial proposal there would be no specials for the kindergarten students. Parking at the Primary will continue to be a challenge. The superintendent next shared the opportunities and challenges that Extended Day program will face. Ms. Blaisdell shared the opportunities and challenges that would be faced by the special services department. Next, Mr. McCauliff addressed the committee with regard to the consolidation and how it affects the athletic program. The athletic program and opportunities offered to students will not change. Several sports will see a decrease in the number of games played, from 18 to 16; this will save approximately \$5,000. Mr. Londa next talked about how the consolidation will affect his department. The move should take approximately two weeks. The superintendent noted that fees will be increased for school lunches and sports, and a fee for bus transportation will be considered. Superintendent Calmes reviewed reductions if we remain with four buildings or restructure to three buildings. Dr. Berthiaume asked if this would affect our accreditation. Mr. Dillon responded it would not; this is not a substantive change with NEASC. Dr. Berthiaume asked if this would affect our partnership with the MSBA. The superintendent responded that they will not like to see the reduction in the budget, especially in the maintenance area. Dr. Berthiaume asked if we could get reimbursement for the demolition of TCP from the MSBA if it is not occupied as a school. He asked Mr. Londa to get verification. There was a discussion about the specials at the Primary School; music would not be offered at all. There was also discussion about the buses and getting kindergarten students to the Primary School from the morning extended day program at TCP. A question and answer session ensued covering topics such as facilities use; food allergies at the lunch in THMS; foreign language instruction; the layout of THMS to ensure students remain age-appropriately separated; bus fees; pick-up lines; extra workload on office staff; cost of the move; 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the high school; no specials for the kindergarten students; bathroom space for the third graders; and the delay of high school schedules. Superintendent Calmes mentioned that video cameras will be on the busses this coming year. Kindergarten teacher Lisa Stone asked if the committee would consider bringing in the kindergarten students earlier in the morning. The superintendent responded that it will be considered. The committee agreed to schedule a meeting for next Wednesday night at the high school auditorium to take a vote on consolidation.

b. FY13 School Committee Meeting Schedule - Tabled to next meeting.

- \* Old Business

a. School Committee Appointments to Existing Committees – Tabled to next meeting.

- \* Public Comment

- \* Reports

- a. School Building Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils

- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- k. Other – Mr. Mackin reported that the Finance Appointing Committee has appointed three people.

\* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

\* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

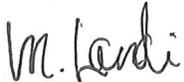
\* Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Reif	yes
Dr. Berthiaume	yes
Mr. Mackin	yes
Ms. Shapiro	yes

\* Adjournment – At 9:32 p.m. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to adjourn regular session. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi  
Recording Secretary

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**APPROVED**

**Lunenburg School Committee**

Date: 6.20.17

  
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