



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 2012
Lunenburg High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

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

Jill Blaisdell, Christine Bonci, Joe Dillon,
Sue Glenny, John Londa, Pete McCauliff,
Tim Santry, Brian Spadafino

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.
 - * Chairman's Report – Dr. Reif gave a brief overview of the issue around the question of consolidation or not.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes – None.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for review and approval.
 - * Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Calmes offered her congratulations to the LHS graduates for a wonderful graduation week.
 - * Student Report – Ms. Degrace reported that finals were being held this week. The last day of school is next Wednesday.
 - * New Business – None.
 - * Old Business
ACTION
 - a. Consolidation of Schools – Action will be taken – Superintendent Calmes began the PowerPoint presentation by reviewing the new configuration of grades into three schools and gave the anticipated enrollment at each of the schools. She also reviewed the new bus schedule of nine buses and new drop off times of 7:10 at LHS, 8:00 at THMS and 8:50 at the Primary School, as well as the consolidation goals/plan. Superintendent Calmes also talked about the consolidation challenges given the short timeline to accomplish all that needs to be completed and all the schedules that will need to be modified.

Brian Spadafino addressed the opportunities and challenges that will be faced at the high school. The target date to complete schedules is mid to end of July. The proposed LHS floor plan was shown to the audience.

Mr. Santry addressed the audience and talked about the opportunities and challenges of consolidation at THMS. Lunches will start at 11:00 and end at 12:55. Grades 4 and 5 will continue to have recess. An audience member asked why grades 4 and 5 would not be positioned near each other. Mr. Santry responded that it is due to the traffic pattern within the school and the location of science labs. A parent expressed concern about no playground equipment at the middle school. Mr. Santry stated that 4th and 5th graders will transition and have lockers. There were many comments from the audience including questions on fundraising for playground equipment. Start time for THMS will be 8:00 a.m. and dismissal will be 2:25-2:30 p.m. Extended day at THMS will start at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Bonci addressed the audience and talked about the opportunities and challenges of consolidation at the Primary School. Parking is a serious concern at the Primary School. Lunch periods would run from 11:10 to 1:05. Move-Up Day will happen whether consolidation occurs or not. Mrs. Bonci reviewed the proposed floor plan. Start time will be 9:00 a.m. and end time will be approximately 3:10. There were questions about the music program, including whether grant money could be used to fund the program at the Primary. There was also a question about special services students who are in the full-day pre-school program and if they would be transported to TCP for the lunch hour with extended day. No, they will stay at Primary. Kindergarten students will have specials. A parking solution will require capital.

Superintendent Calmes gave an overview of the proposed extended day consolidation program in terms of opportunities and challenges.

Ms. Elaine Blaisdell spoke about the opportunities and challenges that the special services department would face.

Ms. Susan Glenny addressed the audience and reviewed the slide on school health services.

Mr. Peter McCauliff addressed the audience and reviewed the opportunities and challenges to the athletic program. All sports will run and there will be no need for 8th grade waivers. There may have more opportunities at the middle school.

Mr. John Londa addressed the audience and reviewed the opportunities and challenges the maintenance department will face if the consolidation moves forward. He listed the cost savings by taking the Passios off line as a school.

Superintendent Calmes reviewed the reductions to the FY13 balanced budget with or without consolidation.

Dr. Berthiaume talked about how painful this consolidation would be.

Superintendent Calmes recommended consolidation of the four schools into three. Mr. Mackin moved and Dr. Berthiaume seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to consolidate as presented and proposed. Vote: unanimous.

- b. FY13 Bus Fees – Dr. Berthiaume moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion that effective next school year the District would institute a bus fee of \$1.00 per day for students in grades 7-12 with a \$500 family max transportation fee. Superintendent Calmes would like to take another look at the amount of the fee. She would like to keep as many students participating in the program as possible. There was a discussion around the bus fees. We are not mandated to provide bussing to all students. Will parents just carpool/drive and not use the buses? Superintendent Calmes will come back next week with more information after some research around bus fees. Bus drivers would be responsible for enforcing bus passes to get on the bus. Dr. Berthiaume withdrew his motion with the stipulation this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- c. Transportation of students living less than 2.0 miles from their school – To be discussed at 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 - Dr. Reif announced he would be stepping down and next week will be his last meeting.

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

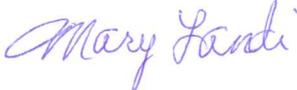
* Items for Future Discussion

- 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.

* Adjournment - Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 8/7/17

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