



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Colleen Shapiro
Brendan Grady
Todd Blake

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Emma Degrace

Guests

Brian Spadafino, Robert McGrath, Timothy Santry, Heidi Champagne
Elaine Blaisdell, and John Londa

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - * Chair's Report – Dr. Berthiaume reminded everyone that the presidential debate is on television tonight and encouraged everyone to vote at the upcoming election.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - September 5, 2012 Executive Session Minutes – Tabled to next meeting.
 - September 19, 2012 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Berthiaume.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – There were two line item transfers, both of which were from the high school.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes updated everyone on the October 1 enrollment. We have 45 fewer students than we did on October 1, 2011, which is what we predicted. The superintendent gave a breakdown by school. Total enrollment is 1613; there are 22 students placed out of district, 29 students from Shirley and 52 school choice students.
 - The class of 1962 held its 50th class reunion last week. They were the first class that went through the high school as a grade 8-12 school. They donated \$1,962 to the alumni association, to be directed to the high school.
 - We had a very successful professional development day last Friday. Superintendent Calmes reviewed the PD that took place at each school.
 - October is anti-bullying awareness month.
 - MCAS Results 2012 – Superintendent Calmes gave an overview of the Accountability No Child Left Behind Under Waiver.
 - Goal of 100 percent proficiency is being replaced with a new goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by 2017.
 - Accountability status labels (improvement, corrective action, and restructuring) are eliminated;
 - Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is being replaced with Progress and Performance Index (PPI) that incorporates student growth and other indicators, including science and dropout rates.
 - The new accountability reports show a new “high needs” subgroup, an unduplicated count of all students in a school or district belonging to at least one of the following individual

subgroups: students with disabilities, English language learners (ELL) and former ELL students, or low income students.

- School Percentiles: A school percentile between 1 and 99 is reported for schools with at least four years of data. This number is an indication of the school's overall performance relative to other schools that serve the same or similar grades.
- The newest abbreviation that we need to become familiar with is PPI or Progress and Performance Index (PPI): The PPI combines information about narrowing proficiency gaps, growth, and graduation and dropout rates over multiple years into a single number. All districts, schools, and student subgroups receive an annual PPI based on improvement over a two-year period and cumulative PPI between 0 and 100 based on four years of data. For a group to be considered to be making progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, its cumulative PPI must be 75 or higher.

Mr. Santry addressed the committee to give a report on the 2012 accountability data for Turkey Hill Middle School, which attained Level 2 status. He gave specific details around subgroup rankings, noting that the data is encouraging. Mr. Spadafino addressed the committee to give a report on the accountability data for Lunenburg High School. This is one measure of student growth. He believes in the education of the whole child. He gave specific details on the scores and growth. Mr. Spadafino talked about the plan for improvement and where they will focus their attention. SAT scores have shown positive trends over the past three years, with higher than state averages in all areas. Superintendent Calmes reported on the 2012 accountability data for the grades 3, 4, & 5. TCP's percentile is at 61%. TCP met targets. Superintendent Calmes reviewed the summary of student growth, which showed positive results across the board. All of the data can be found on the DESE website.

* Student Representative's Report – Ms. Degrace reported that next week is spirit week. There will be a Homecoming rally on Friday afternoon and the dance will be Friday night. The Homecoming parade and game will be on Saturday. Fairytales is the theme.

* Old Business

- a. Workshop Session Dates – A workshop to discuss Communication with the Community is scheduled for October 11, 7:00 p.m., at Lunenburg High School auditorium. The meeting will be accessible via Skype. We will send an announcement home to parents and invite them to send in questions via email.

* New Business

- a. Capital Plan – Mr. Londa addressed the committee. Capital plan documents due to capital planning committee by October 23. He reviewed the proposed submission – continued emphasis on the middle school. Mr. Londa is recommending seven items. The first three items are replacement of HVAC controls at TCP, LHS and THMS. There was discussion around priorities 6 (tennis courts) & 7 (flooring at Primary cafeteria) and the placement of those two items. There was also discussion around the process of putting together a capital plan and maintaining the continuity of that plan year to year. The committee and Mr. Londa had a discussion around the HVAC control replacements and why this was not on previous capital plan proposals; they also discussed the repair of ceiling tiles at Turkey Hill Middle School. No vote was taken.
- b. Donations
 - \$2000 from Connor B. Lourens Memorial Fund for scholarships for Nature's Classroom and the Washington D.C. trip.
 - \$242.15 from Target to TCP – will be distributed to the Primary School and THMS.Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance and approval of the donations with gratitude. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro moved to accept the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- c. Grant Request – withdrawn. Date for submission has passed.
- d. First Reading – Civil Rights, Anti-Discrimination and Emergency Response Policies, Wellness Policy – Superintendent Calmes gave a brief review of the updates (gender identity) in anti-bullying and harassment policy, as well as the updated in the non-discrimination policy, equal employment opportunity, and wellness policies. Mr. Mackin moved to waive the first reading and Ms. Shapiro seconded. These policies will be posted on the website tomorrow. Vote: unanimous.

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

- a. School Building Committee – Mr. Mackin reported on the status of the OPM proposal submissions. The SBC met last night and interviewed two of the firms. The other two firms on the short list will be interviewed tomorrow night.
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Wellness Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- k. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

* 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 8:31 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Berthiaume – yes
Mr. Mackin – yes
Ms. Shapiro – yes
Mr. Grady – yes
Mr. Blake – yes

* Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at the end of executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Landi

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 10.17.18

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