



# Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes  
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
Thomas C. Passios Meeting Room #13 – 7:00 p.m.

## Minutes

### School Committee

Gregory Berthiaume - absent  
Michael Mackin  
Colleen Shapiro  
Brendan Grady  
Todd Blake

### Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

### Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

### Student Representative

Emma Degrace

### Guests

John Londa

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- \* Call to Order – In Dr. Berthiaume’s absence, Mr. Mackin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
  - \* Chair’s Report – None.
  - \* Review and Approve Minutes
    - September 5, 2012 Executive Session Minutes – tabled to next meeting.
    - October 3, 2012 Regular Session Minutes – approved by Mr. Mackin.
  - \* Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures.
  - \* Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Calmes reported on the following:
    - Homecoming was wonderful with phenomenal floats. The superintendent thanked the marching band, students, parents, and the community for supporting the parade and game.
    - October is bullying prevention month. Many activities are taking place. Superintendent Calmes recently met with Jane and Amy Maki; Chris Maki was killed in a random act of violence almost 15 years ago. The Maki family and the foundation they started in Chris’s name will be bringing the TIGER group out of Plymouth University to give presentations around bullying prevention. They will be fundraising to bring the performances to Lunenburg. Scheduled dates are December 19 and 20. The group will perform and then work with students in classrooms (smaller group settings). Performances are developmentally appropriate. PACSAL will be supporting the performances as well.
  - \* Student Representative’s Report – Ms. Degrace reported on the following:
    - Homecoming parade float was won by the sophomores.
    - The Band recently had its senior night.
    - Boys’ soccer had senior night on Monday; they currently have a 2-3 record.
    - Girls’ soccer will have its senior night this Saturday against Quabbin on the turf.
  - \* Old Business
    - a. Capital Plan – Tennis court repairs were removed from the capital plan for the current year. The HVAC control upgrades for all schools were pulled together into one item, and it is identified as the top priority (\$41,100). Mr. Londa informed the committee about the HVAC controls systems and explained why

this item is so necessary at this point in time. Second item: district-wide technology package (\$64,500); third item: middle school drop ceilings repairs (\$25,000); fourth item: replace café/teacher lunch room flooring (\$35,000). Mr. Londa gave explanations around all the proposed capital plan items. Mr. Blake asked for documentation around the humidity testing when the lunch room floor was laid. Mr. Londa said he was confident he had that documentation. The item will be left on the capital plan while research is being done. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to accept the capital plan as presented with the caveat that the \$35K not be spent until the flooring issue is researched. Vote: unanimous.

- b. Second Reading – Civil Rights, Anti-Discrimination and Emergency Response Policies, Wellness Policy – Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to waive the second reading. Vote: unanimous.

\* New Business

- a. Donations – Superintendent Calmes listed several donations for Nature’s Classroom, as well as the following donations: Target, two \$50 gift cards; Wal-Mart, 20 \$50 gift cards; McCluskey family, \$110 for books at THMS library; Eagle House collected school supplies as did Dr. Gianino’s dental office. Mr. Blake moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept the donations with gratitude. Vote: unanimous. Mr. Grady asked if we could thank the people in the local newspaper. Superintendent Calmes will write a letter to the editor.
- b. FY14 Budget Development (Discussion) – Superintendent Calmes reviewed the way the budget has been presented to the school committee in the past and asked if the committee wanted to continue the same process this year. There was discussion around the impact of the administrative cuts and needing to hear what those impacts have been. Can we change the Tree Lighting? If not, what can we do to get people to attend the meeting on December 5 when principals will present their budget proposals? Mr. Grady asked about the technology plan. He would like to review it to see what we can do to save manpower and streamline efficiencies. Superintendent Calmes asked the committee to consider putting together an advisory committee around technology. There was discussion on the date to present the recommended budget to the public. On December 19 the School Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. and then go the TIGER presentation at the high school at 7:00.

\* Public Comment - None

\* Reports

- a. School Building Committee – The SBC met on October 10 and chose to begin negotiations with Joslin, Lesser. A subcommittee was formed to negotiate a contract with them. A signed contract must be presented to MSBA by November 5.
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils – Mr. Blake reported that the Primary School Council met today. It was an introduction meeting with parents and some teachers. It was a positive meeting and included discussions on MCAS, school improvement plan, and reconfiguration. It was very productive. Mr. Grady reported on the THMS School Council meeting, which included a tour of school. Hi commented that the students love the lockers. The group met yesterday for a couple of hours with Mr. Santry.
- d. PTO – Ms. Shapiro reported the PTO met on Monday. The Haunted House event is scheduled for October 27 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. They need more volunteers. The PTO voted to give \$2,500 to each building as well as \$1,000 to each principal to use as needed for students. There are currently 194 members of the PTO.
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Wellness Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee – Mr. Grady reported that the advisory committee will focus on improving resident engagement and exploring ways to get the community involved. Members of the committee include Brendan Grady, Bob Meek-Laveck, Colleen Shapiro, Heather Sroka, Karin Menard, Amanda Waltz, and Anthony Caiozzo. The group is scheduled to meet on October 30 with action items around Facebook, You Tube, and Twitter.
- j. Rep. Benson’s Advisory

k. Other

\* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

\* Items for Future Discussion

Discussion on the January 2 meeting.

\* 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. No need for executive session.

\* Adjournment – At 8:39 p.m. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to adjourn regular session. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Landi  
Recording Secretary

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**APPROVED**

**Lunenburg School Committee**

Date: 11/7/12

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**Initials**