



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
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

Guests

Bob Meek-LaVeck, Karin Menard, Ron Hyatt

- * Call to Order – Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- * Chair's Report – None.
- * Review and Approve Minutes
 - September 5, 2012 Executive Session Minutes – approved by Dr. Berthiaume.
 - October 3, 2012 Executive Session Minutes – approved by Dr. Berthiaume.
 - January 16, 2013 Regular Session Minutes – approved by Dr. Berthiaume.
- * Review and Approve Warrants
- * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes thanked the members of the principal search committee. There were 18 applicants for the position. Several candidates were interviewed. There are three finalists: Tara Hanley, Jill Peterson and Elaine Blaisdell. A Public Forum will be held at the Primary School next Tuesday at 6:30. Each candidate will have a half hour for a presentation and Q&A. Childcare will be provided. Press releases will be sent out to inform the public.
 - The DESE is consolidating the information they gathered during the Coordinated Program Review. A parent survey is online; the link can be found at our website.
 - Safety protocols update – We are very focused on having our security protocols up to date based on current information. Meetings with public safety personnel as well as principals and teachers are underway. Additional information will be shared as we proceed.
 - There is a long list of people to thank for the ice skating rink. We have been very pleased with the turnout from the community. Thank you to Mr. Truax and Mr. Koziol and their algebra class and everyone who played a part in the project.
- * Student Representative's Report
 - Ron Hyatt - Report on Project 351 – Grade 8 student Ron Hyatt was our ambassador to Project 351 this year. Ron was in attendance to report out on the project. Ron recently attended a Town Hall meeting rally with the governor and students from around the State. He participated in a community service project making flashcards to help with MCAS packets, as well as engaged in other exciting activities at the State House. Ron is planning a day of service in Lunenburg this spring. He would like to partner with Cradles through Crayons for a clothing drive. Superintendent Calmes thanked Ron for his participation in this project.

* New Business

- a. Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee - Final Report – Mr. Grady gave a brief review of the background of the committee and its charge. Mr. Grady continued with a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the committee’s recommendations to the School Committee. Some of these recommendations include having a Facebook page for the schools and a Twitter handle for Superintendent Calmes. There was a discussion around social media websites. Mr. Grady spoke about the importance of having a single repository for student information and enabling parents to register online and maintain their own contact information. Discussion ensued about how this work would get done and who would do it. Mr. Grady thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work. The policy sub-committee will look into policy/guidelines around websites for schools/teachers. Karin Menard voiced her support for moving forward with the social media, improved databases, etc. Also of concern was making sure there is accurate information on teacher webpages. The group will continue to meet on an informal basis.
- b. FY14 Calendar – Superintendent Calmes highlighted some of the important dates on the draft calendar. It will be posted on the website and feedback is requested. The Committee will vote on this at the next meeting in three weeks.
- c. Donation – Superintendent Calmes thanked Cheryl Salvatore for her assistance in keeping track of the box tops for education at the primary school. The school received a check in the amount of \$2,215.80. The PTO fundraiser at the primary school netted \$7,626.56. These funds provide assistance for field trips. Thanks to everyone who pitched in! Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Grady seconded a motion to accept the donations with gratitude. Vote: unanimous.

* Old Business

- a. FY14 Budget – Ms. Speidel was going to be in attendance tonight, but unfortunately she is not feeling well. Ms. Speidel offered to come to the meeting on February 27. Superintendent Calmes reported that the governor’s budget has been released. It is a budget that does a lot for education, but is based on additional taxation. It would increase Lunenburg’s Chapter 70 funds by a little over \$600,000. It is a strong budget for supporting the educational program in Massachusetts. We will continue to work through the budgetary process. Mr. Dave Matthews addressed the committee, indicating that the Town is looking at flat revenue from the state. The Town does have some new growth, however.
- b. Second Reading - New Policy: 3203.01 Title I Supplement not Supplant Policy and Procedures – Superintendent Calmes gave a brief overview of the new policy. Lunenburg’s allocation has been around \$140,000 to support students at risk and provide additional services both during the school day and outside of the school day. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to waive the second reading. Vote: unanimous.

- * Public Comment – Mr. Mackin reported the MASC has come forth with a position statement on gun safety. Mr. Mackin would like to have a discussion on this at a future meeting.

* Reports

- a. School Building Committee – Mr. Mackin reported that the MSBA Designer Selection Panel met yesterday to interview the three finalists. Tappe Associates was selected as the designer by the panel. We will finalize a design cost with them; the OPM will be involved in those discussions. Tappe will be at next week’s SBC meeting. We will want to get the community involved. An educational consultant will be meeting with teachers beginning in March.
- b. Finance Committee – meets tomorrow.
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO – meets next Monday.
- e. Policy Sub-Committee – meets next Monday.
- f. Capital Planning Committee – meets tomorrow.
- g. Wellness Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL – meets Friday.
- i. Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee – The group will continue to meet on an informal basis.
- 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 8:44 p.m. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with both union and non-union personnel. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

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

- * Adjournment – At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Grady seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi

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Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 3-20-13

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