



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 27, 2013
T.C. Passios School, Room 13 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Colleen Shapiro
Brendan Grady – Mr. Grady arrived at 7:03 p.m.
Todd Blake

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Abbey Clark

Guests

Kerry Speidel, Peter McCauliff
Baseball Boosters Club Members, John Londa

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - * Chair's Report
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - January 16, 2013 Executive Session Minutes – tabled to future meeting.
 - February 6, 2013 Regular Session Minutes – tabled to future meeting.
 - February 6, 2013 Executive Session Minutes – tabled to future meeting.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - The Admin Team had a conference call this morning with the Educational Planner to discuss/firm up the agenda for the three-day workshop on vision and planning of the new high school. We are looking for interested community members to participate in the workshop.
 - Principal Search Committee: the public forum and site visits are complete. The committee meeting is scheduled for next Monday. Superintendent Calmes hopes to announce the decision at next week's school committee meeting.
 - John Londa reported on the condition of the high school and the leaks that are currently a problem. We have five leaks – three of which are new. The women's restroom by the library is especially bad. It has been repaired several times, but it keeps opening back up. We've been dealing with this for a number of years. The roof is coming up on 29 years, which is past its expected life. Dr. Berthiaume suggested this issue be brought to capital planning in the fall if the new school does not come to pass.
 - * Student Representative's Report – Ms. Clark reported on the following upcoming events:
 - Puerto Rico trip and Quebec trip are both coming up soon
 - Blood drive is scheduled for March 5 at the high school
 - MASC conference is next week
 - The middle school honor roll breakfast will be February 15
 - Are You Smarter Than a Sixth Grader fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club is coming up soon
 - Auditions for the high school musical are coming up
 - * Old Business
 - a. FY14 Budget – Town Manager Kerry Speidel will make a presentation on the FY14 budget tomorrow night at Town Hall. A date for the Public Hearing for the school budget has not yet been set.

- b. FY14 Calendar – There was no feedback from the public; however, there was positive feedback from the staff. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the FY14 calendar. Vote: unanimous.
- c. Third Reading - New Policy: 3203.01 Title I Supplement not Supplant Policy and Procedures –No feedback was received. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval and gave an overview of the policy. There was discussion around Title I reductions from the federal government. Mr. Blake moved and Mr. Grady seconded a motion to waive the third reading and approve the new policy. Vote: unanimous.

* New Business

- a. Donation – Baseball Booster Club – Mr. Proctor and Mr. Poirier of the Baseball Boosters were in attendance with Mr. McCauliff. The Booster Club would like to donate two dozen uniforms for the high school baseball team. The value of the donation is approximately \$1,685. The booster club has been very generous in helping out where the school isn't able to fund particular items. Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of the donation with gratitude. Dan Proctor informed the Committee that the students assisted in the fundraising, teaching them responsibility. They learn to work for what they want. There was some discussion around equity with regard to Title IX. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- b. First Reading – Revised Policies: 2100 Superintendent of Schools; 5103.01 School Choice; 6503 Executive Sessions – Superintendent Calmes reviewed the changes to the policies, two of which were MASC model policies (School Choice and Executive Sessions). There was discussion on the policies/changes. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to waive the first reading. Vote: unanimous.
- c. Disbandment of Community Engagement Advisory Committee – Mr. Grady moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to disband the Community Engagement Advisory Committee. Mr. Grady indicated that the volunteers will continue to stay engaged. Dr. Berthiaume thanked the members of the advisory committee for their work and dedication. Vote: unanimous.

* Public Comment

* Reports

- a. School Building Committee – Mr. Mackin reported that Superintendent Calmes, Mr. Londa, and he met with the MSBA today. A timeline has been developed to bring us through to October. A vision and planning workshop is planned for on March 6, 7, and 13. We are looking for as many community stakeholders as possible. Superintendent Calmes provided some further details around the workshop.
- b. Finance Committee – The Finance Committee meets tomorrow night.
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO – The barn dance is April 5 at TCP; the next meeting is March 11.
- e. Policy Sub-Committee
- f. Capital Planning Committee – Ms. Shapiro reported the school's capital plan has been submitted. One change is that the technology request was decreased to \$55,000. All other school requests were approved as submitted. There was discussion around the technology capital request.
- g. Wellness Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL – The next meeting is in March. On March 20, the Lunenburg PAC will participate in a workshop with the Ayer PAC.
- i. Community Engagement and Outreach Advisory Committee - Ms. Shapiro reported that the Community Engagement Committee minutes have been approved.
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- k. Other – Dr. Berthiaume and Mr. Grady will not be at next week's meeting.

* 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 8:07 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion collective bargaining strategies with 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 8:41 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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