



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

MEETING NOTICE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

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

Superintendent
Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary
Mary Landi

Student Representative
Abbey Clark - absent

Guests

Dr. Frank Locker, Greg Cohan, Charles Hay
Tammy Yourk

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- * Call to Order – Mr. Mackin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - * Chair's Report - None
 - * Review and Approve Minutes – None.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures. There was one line item transfer from Mr. Londa.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Superintendent Calmes introduced Charles Hay from Tappé Associates, the design firm for the high school project, to talk about vision and planning for Lunenburg High School. Mr. Hay addressed the committee and gave a brief overview of Tappé Associates and some of the projects they are currently working on. Tappé is responsible for conducting the feasibility study and schematic design for the high school. Do we retain the existing high school or build a new one? Will it be a high school or middle/high school? Mr. Hay laid out the milestones calendar. Tappé will present options to the school building committee who will select the best option, and then we will move forward with a recommendation to the MSBA. Mr. Hay introduced Dr. Frank Locker, who is facilitating the visioning and planning workshops. Today was the first of three days of visioning. Dr. Locker talked about the visioning process. The initial focus is on current schools; then the focus shifts to effective teaching and power learning; and finally to looking at facilities. Dr. Locker stressed the importance of having flexibility in facilities. Superintendent Calmes thanked Mr. Hay and Dr. Locker for coming to the meeting.
 - 37 students are going into the New England flower show on March 13.
 - Students at the Primary School raised \$1,517.44 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in their Pennies for Patients fundraiser.
 - Superintendent Calmes announced that Ms. Elaine Blaisdell will be appointed as principal for the Lunenburg Primary School.

* Student Representative's Report – None.

* Old Business

- a. Final Approval – Latin Trip – Ms. Tammy Yourk addressed the committee seeking final approval of the upcoming Latin trip. This is a nine-day trip to Venice, Florence and Rome; 13 students and 7 adults will be going. The final cost is \$3,348 per person, which is slightly more than initially anticipated since there are not 25 people going on the trip. Superintendent Calmes recommended final approval. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- b. Second Reading – Revised Policies: 2100 Superintendent of Schools; 5103.01 School Choice; 6503 Executive Sessions – Superintendent Calmes gave a brief overview for the benefit of the public. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to waive the second reading. Vote: unanimous.
- c. Maple Syrup Issue – Superintendent Calmes introduced Mr. Jim Lattanzi, who then addressed the committee. Mr. Lattanzi is the owner of the tubing infrastructure to tap trees for sap, which is currently in place on Northfield Road. Mr. Lattanzi would like to propose he donate the infrastructure to the Lunenburg schools. He will work with Ms. Gearin and students to process the maple sap into maple syrup. His proposal includes giving \$1000 back to the program each maple syrup season. Mr. Spadafino spoke in favor of the proposal noting the synergies of bringing the community to the schools. One high school student is already working with Mr. Lattanzi as a STEP intern. Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of the tubing and working with Mr. Lattanzi as a partner. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- d. FY14 Budget – Superintendent Calmes will present her budget to the Finance Committee on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Insurance renewal is coming in at a very low rate. Some of our health insurance is paid out of revolving accounts. Representative Jen Benson and Senator Jen Flanagan will be attending the March 12 Board of Selectmen meeting. School committee members are invited to attend. There is no date set at this time for a public hearing.

* New Business

- a. Overnight trip – Latin Convention – Ms. Tammy Yourk requested permission for a group of students from the high school to attend the Latin Convention at Barnstable High School, which entails a two-night overnight trip to the Cape. The cost is \$175 for hotel and meals. There is a conflict, however, with the POPS concert, so the request is tentative because they will not go if they don't get a sufficient number of students. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval if the trip is a go. Mr. Blake moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- b. Spring Music Program – Superintendent Calmes reported on the after school music program, which is organized by the Musicaiders. It is a very successful program with an excellent participation rate.

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

- a. School Building Committee – The next meeting is March 13. It will be a very extensive meeting to include a CM at risk discussion.
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils – Mr. Mackin reported LHS met today. They discussed the vision and planning workshop.
- d. PTO – PTO will meet next Monday. The barn dance is scheduled for April 5 from 6-9 at TCP. The first annual golf tournament will be on June 17.
- e. Policy Sub-Committee – They will meet either March 19 or 26.
- f. Capital Planning Committee – Ms. Shapiro reported the CPC will be presenting to the Finance Committee on March 14.
- g. Wellness Advisory Committee – Meets on March 13 at 3:45 p.m. at THMS.
- h. PAC/SAL – The next meeting is March 8 at 11:00 a.m. at TCP.
- i. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- k. Other – Mr. Mackin thanked Mr. Londa and his crew for the use of the high school auditorium for the fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club.

- * 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. No executive session needed.
- * Adjournment – Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary E. Landi
Recording Secretary

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 3-20-13

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