Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
T.C. Passios, Room 13
7:00 p.m. – Meeting

Minutes

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

Superintendent
Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary
Mary Landi

Guests
Carrie Ford, Steve Powell,
Pete McCauliff, John Londa,
Holly Johansson

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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*
  - June 5, 2013 Regular Session Minutes
  - May 15, 2013 Executive Session Minutes
  - June 5, 2013 Executive Session Minutes
  - June 19, 2013 Regular Session Minutes

  All minutes were approved by Dr. Berthiaume.

* *Review and Approve Warrants*

* *Superintendent's Report*
  - Superintendent Calmes thanked the committee for supporting the efforts to put assistant principals at both the middle school and the primary school. Mr. Chad Adams was recently appointed as assistant principal at Lunenburg Primary School. Mr. Adams thanked the committee and said he has enjoyed working in this district as a teacher and dean of students at Turkey Hill Middle School, and he is looking forward to this new challenge.
  - Summer school programs are going well. There are approximately 90 students in the extended day program this summer with 35 to 50 on any given day as well as ten staff members. The group has gone on some field trips with more planned. The high school summer school program has approximately 30 students. Those students are receiving two hours of ELA and two hours of math instruction. LHS teacher Mike Hannigan is coordinating the program. Seventy-five students are registered for the special services summer school program. There are 40 staff members working that program.
  - Chapter 70 funding is looking very positive. Circuit Breaker is also looking good at 71-73 percent. The Foundation budget increased by 2.58 percent. Grant 240 remains stable.

* *New Business*

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a. End-of-Year Health Office Report – Ms. Carrie Ford, School Nurse Coordinator, gave a brief review of statistics around health office data in FY13, which included number of health office visits, return to class rate, and student health data.
b. Lacrosse Program – Mr. Steve Powell addressed the committee regarding the proposal to bring lacrosse to Lunenburg. He feels there is enough interest among students to form three teams. Athletes would provide their own equipment; shirts and shorts would be provided to the students. Mr. Powell stated that they would like to use the school's 501c3 status to help defray start-up costs. Mr. McCauliff expressed his concerns around starting up a full varsity/junior varsity program; those concerns include locker space and field space. Games would run back to back. There was discussion about the costs including $158 dollars for two referees for varsity; $112 for JV and an EMT at $100-$125. Mr. McCauliff stated that the Mid-Wach League would happily take us. There would be 18 games – 9 home and 9 away. We would be in the lower division to start. We need to commit to the League by the end of September. Mr. McCauliff recommended we meet again in September. In the meantime he will meet with the lacrosse folks and discuss details and specifics. After the school committee meeting in September, if approved, he will go to the League with the request. Superintendent Calmes recommended tentative approval (including fundraising) with final approval on September 4. Mr. McCauliff will provide an update on costs/fundraising to the school committee. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
c. Donations:
   - $2,000 toward new uniforms for the basketball teams from the Basketball Boosters. Ms. Johansson was in attendance as a representative of the basketball boosters. Ms. Johansson talked about their successful fundraising efforts. The cost will be $68 per uniform; 33 uniforms will be purchased for home games and 33 for away games. Total cost is approximately $4,600. The athletic department kicked in approximately $2,600. Superintendent Calmes recommend acceptance of the generous donation from the Basketball Boosters Club. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to accept the recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
   - Pat Abell donated $2,500 (annual donation) to the LHS football program. Her son graduated in 2003. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to accept the generous donation. Vote: unanimous.
d. Unitil Agreement – Use of School Property for Staging Area in Emergencies – Dr. Berthiaume reviewed the agreement with Until, which is up for renewal. Superintendent Calmes recommended renewing the agreement. Dr. Berthiaume suggested we renew for one year only and remove the wording around automatic renewal from the contract. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to renew the contract for a one-year term. Vote: unanimous.

* *Old Business*

a. Superintendent's Contract – A correction was made to the superintendent's contract as follows:
   FY14 - $132,000 ($131,000 & $1,000 merit)
   FY15 - $135,300

* *Public Comment*

* *Reports*

a. School Building Committee – Mr. Mackin reported on the progress and recent meetings with various groups, including the staff members from the physical education department. On July 31 the MSBA Board of Directors will meet to approve Lunenburg moving into the preliminary schematic design phase. More specific schematic designs will come later, as well as cost estimating. The committee meets on the 24th and will come forth with a recommendation of CM at risk.
b. Finance Committee
c. School Councils
d. PTO
e. Policy Sub-Committee
f. Capital Planning Committee
g. Wellness Advisory Committee
h. PAC/SAL

i. TCP Building Use Committee – It will meet on the first and third Mondays of the month starting in September

* *Items for Future Discussion*
- Greenhouse funds

* *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 8:19 p.m., Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session, to discuss negotiations with the tutors and aides union and cafeteria personnel. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call
Dr. Berthiaume – yes
Mr. Mackin – yes
Mr. Blake – yes

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 8.7.13

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