



# Lunenburg Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

## MEETING MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING & WORKSHOP  
Wednesday, August 19, 2015  
T.C. Passios Building, Room #13- 7:00 p.m.

### School Committee

Gregory Berthiaume, Chair Present  
Michael Mackin, Vice Chair Absent  
Wendy Bertrand, Secretary Present  
Colleen Shapiro Present  
Heather Sroka Present

### Superintendent

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### Recording Secretary

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### Student Representative

### Guests

Steve Malandrinos

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Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dr. Berthiaume.

Review and Approve Warrants - Warrants were on the table for signature, no line item transfers were presented.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Calmes reported that a \$5000 donation toward the new playground was received from the estate of Jane Doyle. Over \$30,000 has been donated to date toward the \$54,000 goal for the playground. When school begins additional events and fundraising activities will be announced.

Superintendent Calmes introduced Steve Malandrinos who provided the Committee an update on the One-to-One Computing proposal. Mr. Malandrinos indicated the cost to parents for a chrome book would be \$120.00 per year including the insurance. He discussed the benefits of the Chromebooks as compared to previously discussed Netbooks indicating there would be less time involved in the management of the devices by the IT department. Chromebooks use all the Google programs for word processing, presentations, and spreadsheets. He noted that recently the Burlington Public Schools, who are considered leaders in the state in implementing 1-to-1 computers with students recently moved from iPads to Chromebooks. Superintendent Calmes reported that we have purchased a Chromebook mobile lab at THMS this year, and will have direct experience with the use of Chromebooks as a result. Currently the District has iPads and Netbooks in its mobile labs. Superintendent Calmes also indicated that the administrators were concerned about students' families having another fee. At the high school in addition to the athletic fees, students also pay \$180 to ride the bus or a \$50.00 parking fee. Ms. Shapiro also voiced concern about the substantial supplies lists that teachers are sending home with students. Superintendent Calmes indicated that fees are waived for students receiving free or reduced lunch. Dr. Berthiaume asked about providing fundraising options for students to participate in to raise money for the fees. He also indicated that we would need to determine how to replace the revenue currently available from fees if any were eliminated. Superintendent Calmes and Mr. Malandrinos will continue to work on the details of the proposal which will be presented for School Committee action in October.

### School Building Committee Report

Ms. Shaprio reported on a recent site visit to the program and how impressive the building is now that we can see classrooms and other spaces. Superintendent Calmes indicated that the front field has been turned over to the District and that students would be utilizing the field this fall.

New Business – Reconfiguration Advisory: Charge and Membership

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Superintendent Calmes provided a draft for review. After discussion a motion was made by Dr. Berthiaume and seconded by Ms. Bertrand that the membership, appointment date, and charge for the Reconfiguration Advisory are as follows:

The Advisory will be comprised of one Lunenburg School Committee member who will serve as the chair and six (6) individuals appointed by the School Committee at its regular meeting on October 7, 2015 at Town Hall. Charge: (1) To bring questions and concerns of the community and alumni to the attention of the School Committee, School Administration, and School Councils; (2) To make recommendations to the School Committee regarding naming of the gym and auditorium in the new Lunenburg Middle/High School; (3) To advise the School Committee regarding policy and procedures on the handling of trophies, awards, and banners; (4) To contact families who have given memorials to obtain input regarding disposition of item(s) donated to LHS; and (5) To advise the School Committee on decommissioning and dedication ceremonies.

Vote – Unanimous

Old Business- Superintendent Calmes reviewed her goals for FY16 which included changes based upon the feedback from the School Committee during the July 1, 2015 meeting. Ms. Shapiro moved and Ms. Sroka seconded the motion to approve the goals as submitted. Vote- Unanimous. The approved goals are as follows:

I. Student Learning Goal

By the June 15, 2016, at each grade level, all students will participate in a Community Service Learning (CSL) project that includes common core standards learning outcomes. Provide in writing to the School Committee by April 2016 a curriculum map of Community Service Learning projects developed and implemented during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years for 100% of grades K-12.

By June 15, 2016 complete a comprehensive curriculum update in the areas of History/Social Studies and English language arts and include in the FY17 budget funds for the first of three years of instructional materials purchase determined necessary as part of the update. Also include in the FY17 budget request funds necessary for curriculum task force for math and another task force in science to update those curricula.

II. Professional Practice Goal

To model instructional leadership and assess student engagement the superintendent will visit a minimum of two classroom weekly and average six (6) visits per week from August 31, 2015 through April 30, 2016. The building principal, assistant principal and/or special services director accompany the Superintendent on these visits. A log of visits will be maintained throughout the year and include a monthly summary of observations from those visits and reviewed with the building administrator and as appropriate with the district-wide administrative team.

III. District Improvement Goal

By June, 2016 to facilitate, coordinate, communicate, manage and oversee the efficient reconfiguration of the district according to the attached plan that is designed to engage and inform parents/guardians, faculty/staff, and the community.

Public Comment

Ms. Luck asked for some clarification on the Superintendent's Goals and commented on the need for funding for the computer initiative to be funded some other way than taxpayer dollars.

Reports – None

Dr. Berthiaume indicated there was a need to move into Executive Session under 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 8:10 p.m. Ms. Shapiro moved and Ms. Sroka seconded a motion to enter into executive session not to return to regular session. Vote: 4-0.

Roll Call

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

Ms. Shapiro – yes

Ms. Sroka – yes

Ms. Bertrand - Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Superintendent Calmes, Recording Secretary