

Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Kate Burnham, Superintendent of Schools



MEETING NOTICE-Amended
SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Regular Session, 6:30 p.m.,
LMS Collaborative Room #D132

MINUTES

School Committee

Heather Sroka, Chair-present
Wendy Bertrand, Vice Chair-present
Brian Lehtinen, Secretary-present
Carol Archambault -present
Jim LaVeck-present

Superintendent

Dr. Kate Burnham

Business Manager/ HR Director

Michael Cassidy

Recording Secretary

Guests:

Dorothy Presser, Massachusetts Association of School Committees

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1. Call to Order at 6:32pm; present H. Sroka, C. Archambault, J.LaVeck, B.Lehtinen. W.Bertrand arrived at 6:35.
2. Chair's Report-none noted
3. Public Comment-Agenda Items – Mr. LaVeck notes that he was disappointed that he could not be present at the July 31, 2019 special meeting of the Committee. He would have appreciated hearing the dialogue. He will review the minutes when they are available.
4. Review and Approve Warrants, Line Item Transfers Line item transfer of 2000 from the extended day line to facilities for TCP rent approved.
5. Review and Approve Minutes- none noted
Superintendent's Report –Superintendent introduced the new School Committee Recording Secretary, Jodi Saldi. The Superintendent provided clarification on the State budget. The approved FY20 budget included an additional \$233,668 for the Lunenburg Public Schools. The Town will receive \$7,771,740 in FY20, a 3.1% percent increase from the \$ 7,538,072 in FY19. Compared to budget assessments that were used at the May Annual Town Meeting (the figures from the Governor's January 2019 budget proposal), there is an overall decrease of \$7,815. This deficit is largely due to money adjustment to "School Choice Sending Tuition". The district also receives 40S funds, doubled from last year. These funds are used to purchase classroom instructional materials and new curriculum. The Committee requested that the schools start tracking data when students withdraw as to the reason they are withdrawing from Lunenburg Public Schools. Superintendent will ask Mr. Cassidy to provide clarification regarding how the state determines the value per student; choice sending and choice receiving.
6. New Business
Action
 - a. Permission to Post High School Paraprofessional – the high school paraprofessional position cut from the budget will be restored as a mutually acceptable

agreement with LEA could not be reached relative to teacher duty assignments and advisory prep. There is a possibility that another paraprofessional, currently 1:1, may no longer be required as a 1:1 and would then be reassigned. If an additional para is required, it will be funded by school choice monies. Permission to post is being sought as this was a position eliminated with budget cuts. Motion made by Ms. Bertrand, seconded by Mr. LaVeck.

Vote: unanimous

b. Bus Procedure Manual, THES and PS Handbook –final approval Ms. Archambault suggested edits. The Committee agrees that THES and Primary Handbooks can be posted on the website with a DRAFT watermark and a notation “pending approval September 4”

c. Donation – Motion to acknowledge donation tabled until next meeting by Mr. Lehtinen, seconded by Mr. LaVeck. Vote: unanimous.

d. Workshop-Governance Team Self-Assessment & Roles and Responsibilities
Workshop facilitated by Dorothy Presser. Committee reviewed Operating Protocols. Made recommended changes: Who We Represent, add “safety”; How We Operate, (#11) add deliberating “in any format”, (#4) add “Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes”; How We Will Improve, eliminate “annual” preceding *workshop*. The Committee agreed How We Operate #5 and #6 require some additional focus and practice.

7 Old Business

8. Public Comment-Open – Mr. Peter Beardmore commented that he was happy to hear that communication will be a focus this year and suggested that the district seek professional guidance. He also reported on all the school related costs for his family for the 2019-20 school year.

9 Reports-none noted

10. Topics for Future Discussion- Fundraising

11. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 9:07pm by Ms. Archambault, seconded by Mr. Lehtinen.