



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

MEETING NOTICE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Town Hall- 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

School Committee

Michael Mackin, Chair- present
Heather Sroka, Vice Chair- present
Dawn-Marie Ayles, Secretary- present
Wendy Bertrand-present
Meredith Weiss- present

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes-present

Recording Secretary

Liz Petersen

Student Representative

Guests

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mackin at 7:01p.m.

Chair's Report: none discussed.

Review and Approve Warrants: Warrants were presented for signature, no line item transfers brought forth.

Review and Approve Minutes: No minutes were presented for review and approval.

Superintendent's Report:

- Tour on Saturday of new building showed great attendance from the community. Thanked student volunteers for assisting. Mr. Normandin, Mr. Spadafino and the Superintendent will be guiding tours this Saturday. Pleased that so many families have and will join us on these tours. Please call and check for availability. Tours also provided on most Thursdays. To help orientate on layout, an informational piece is given during tour.
- Playground Community build still availability on July 13th and 14th for volunteers. Particular need on July 14th. Please contact PTO to sign-up.
- Personnel update: well wishes for Abby Anderson, physical education teacher at the middle school who will be leaving the district to move to the North Shore. Have posted this position. Have not yet had the opportunity to fill some specialists positions for art/tech combined. Have made decision to split apart now for individual postings. Jeff Dionne appointed to 8-12 Guidance position. Has previously served in the capacity of assistant principal. Lived in Lunenburg for quite a while. Jennifer Rios appointed as part time physical education teacher at the middle school. This is due to an increase in enrollment. Has been teaching at Parker Charter School, and is a personal trainer as well. Interested in how technology is being utilized to help with wellness. Would like there to be some recognition that some students working the hardest are not necessarily the ones participating in these types of wellness activities, and how important it is to relay these concepts to students.
- Updated student information system with a new parent interface registration system. Will make parents aware that we will need them to update their current contact info. This registration system will be more user friendly for parents. Will make arrangements for school registration if technology is not available at home.

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- Asbestos abatement moving forward, teachers lunchroom, panels replaced, signage going up at THES, flashing lights going in over next 4 weeks. Workers have been grinding off old paint at Primary and repainting. Phone and intercom system underway for install. Engineering is taking place for Solect, they have talked to designers about impact of solar panels in valleys-31 affected. August 8th is Special Town meeting related to power purchasing and net metering agreements.
- ELA task force busy working, History task force will be working in August. Over 4 years since the district has had the opportunity to update curriculum, great that 40S money is allowing this to move forward.

Student Representative's Report: representative not appointed yet.

School Building Committee Report : Mr. Mackin reported 97th construction meeting was today. 80% of punch list completed. Goal is 100% complete by end of month. Additional cooling underway to install, expect condensers installed next week. In old LHS building, abatement in southeast wing has begun, gym is completed, demolition of just gym to be next week. Will demolish gym first, then southeast wing, and then around the building. First week of August expected to be complete. Site prep started for Phase 2, removed old tennis courts, maintenance garage structure completed, will pour slab Friday-complete by next week. Moving equipment around the 18th per Mr. Londa. Electronic sign shipped end of July and should be operational before school begins. LPD requesting repeater system in building as parts of building not receiving messages clearly in certain parts. Under code only put in system for fire, was not originally required for police. Did not realize this until building was completed recently. Next meeting July 13th at 6:30pm at TCP.

Public Comment: Mr. Mackin mentioned Volunteer Appreciation BBQ upcoming. Ms. Sroka asked if we have decided upon a student representative yet, answer was no.

New Business

Action

FY17 Superintendent's Draft Goals:

The Superintendent suggested waiting in regards to the district improvement plan, as a possible strategic planning process will take place. Workshop August 10th to discuss School Committee goals for next year- topics of communication and community engagement, social/emotional learning-have to decide whether this will be incorporated into a district wide plan and not just school based. Superintendent would like to see the direction the committee decides to take in regards to their goals. Student learning goals-STEM curriculum has been approved to be updated by the state this year. Our current task force can refer to that document with this update. Important that what is being purchased is based on an updated curriculum. Superintendent looking forward to having more classroom visits and interacting with students and teachers as appropriate. This year will visit a minimum of 4 classrooms with an overall average of 6 per each week. Increased average. Look forward to feedback from the School Committee. No action to be taken at this time. Ms. Weiss asked how long the classroom visits typically are. Superintendent said it varies, but normally approximately 10 minutes or longer depending on activities in classroom. She mentioned that she has seen a model of shadowing one student for the whole day. This allows for a complete picture of a school day/classrooms within each building. Worth considering this option. Ms. Ayles commented that a Superintendent's visits should equally include all schools, Ms. Calmes will include this language explicitly in her goals.

Old Business:

Ms. Bertrand asked for a field update. Was very concerned that this was not happening this fall, which meant that most teams would have to find alternative places to practice and play. The Superintendent relayed that the Town Manager was directing this plan and Mr. Mccauliff was providing the necessary information. The Town appears to be waiting for agreements to be in place, Parks agreement is unsigned currently due to reconfiguration of their committee. What does this mean for teams in fall? Will safety concerns be an issue now? Superintendent Calmes stated that she will be meeting with Mr. Mccauliff to discuss plan for the teams as this will not be completed by the fall. If field is not appropriate to play on, need another plan in place. Ms. Ayles asked when we hope to have an answer. Team schedules are already set, will have to determine what other fields will be available to accommodate. Mr. McCauliff is looking into securing Marshall Park as a location. In

regards to transportation, will be researching a low cost alternative, and will bring proposal back to the School Committee when they have a plan. Mr. Mackin made a comment as to the initial decision of the fields and lesson learned from purely a volunteer effort vs. an expert installation. Mr. Mackin pointed out that this is actually a town field, not a school field, and thanked the work of Mr. McCauliff with this endeavor.

Public Comment:: none noted.

Reports: No reports discussed as school is not in session.

- a. Finance Committee:
- b. School Councils:
- c. PTO: Ms. Sroka reported
- d. Policy Sub-Committee:
- e. Capital Planning Committee:
- f. Wellness Advisory Committee:
- g. PAC/SAL:
- h. Reuse Committee:
- i. Transition/Reconfiguration:
- j. Diversity Advisory Committee:
- k. Start-Time Sub-Committee:

Topics for Future Discussion: None discussed.

Adjournment: Mr. Mackin motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Bertrand, adjourned at 7:33 p.m.