

Lunenburg School Committee
August 18, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Brooks House

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif, Chair
Donna White
Jason Poitras
Gregory Berthiaume – absent
Colleen Shapiro – arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Guests

Peter McCauliff

- * Call to Order – Dr. Reif called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- * Chairman's Report – None.
- * Review and Approve Minutes
 - June 2, 2010 regular session minutes – Dr. Reif approved.
 - June 16, 2010 regular session minutes – Dr. Reif approved.
 - June 16, 2010 executive session minutes – Dr. Reif approved.
 - July 28, 2010 regular session minutes – Tabled to next meeting.
- * Review and Approve Warrants – Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of the one line item transfer, which was to repair a speaker system for the marching band.
- * Superintendent's Report
 - Looking forward to first day of school for students on August 31. Welcome back letters to staff will be posted tomorrow. Convocation will be on August 30 at 8:00 a.m. at the high school. New teachers will meet on Monday, August 23, at 8:30 a.m. for a full day. Administrators, teachers, and guidance counselors will meet with Dr. Patti Whetstone from the University of Kentucky to discuss social/emotional learning and student performance on Tuesday and Wednesday. Also, Pam Vallee will make a Google Docs presentation to the admin team on Wednesday.
 - Technology upgrades were done over the summer, including labs, software, and virus protection.
 - Most of the Brooks House personnel moved – some to TCP, THMS, and the Primary. Ms. Curley and Mr. Londa remain there at this time.
 - Kevin T. Szocik Memorial Gate construction is underway at this time, with an anticipated completion date of September 11, 2010.
- * Public Comment - None
- * New Business
 - Action
 - a. Updates for Athletic Handbook – There was some discussion around how a team captain is chosen. Currently there are a variety of ways this is done. Sign-ups for fall sports were held last night, with successful results. Also, Parent Night was well attended. Mr. McCauliff announced there would be 183 home games coming up this year and 425 games in total. The attendance expectations for athletes were reviewed. There was discussion around new legislation from the State on concussions. Mr. McCauliff stated there is an on-line course, which is about one hour long, for coaches to complete by September 1. The new legislation is very much in line with

what Lunenburg is doing. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of the updated athletic handbook. Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous. The updated handbook will be posted at the website and sent home through Naviance at the high school.

- b. Donation – Mr. McCauliff – Pat and Sidney Able made a donation of \$2,500 to the football gift account. Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of this donation. Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept the donation with gratitude. Vote: unanimous. Mr. McCauliff announced that he is still looking for a field hockey coach for the middle school.

* Old Business

- a. Superintendent's FY11 Goals – Superintendent Calmes stated that there are two changes to this iteration. Improving student performance is job one. Also included is the duality of studies around regionalization. Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's FY11 goals as written. Vote: unanimous. Dr. Reif asked the group to think about the evaluation tool over the next few months with regard to any possible changes to the template.

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee
b. Finance Committee
c. School Councils
d. PTO
e. Policy Sub-Committee
f. Capital Planning Committee
g. Health Advisory Committee
h. PAC/SAL
i. Regional Planning Committee – The next meeting of the RPB is August 30. The Board sent a letter to the DESE asking for clarification around some of the processes. The RPB is moving toward budgetary items and have asked for assistance from the MSBA. The MSBA is collecting specific information on our buildings as well as those in North Middlesex. They are considering multiple scenarios.
j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
l. Other – Ms. Shapiro reported that the Committee to appoint a finance member met and appointed Mr. Michael Mackin.

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

* Executive Session – None.

* Adjournment – Mr. Poitras moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary
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