



# Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes  
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
Brooks House – 7:00 p.m.

## Agenda

School Committee  
David Reif

Gregory Berthiaume  
Michael Mackin  
Donna White  
Colleen Shapiro

### Guests

Jim Lattanzi  
Lunenburg Tennis Boosters & Players

Superintendent  
Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary  
Mary Landi

Student Representative  
Emma Degrace

\* Call to Order – In Dr. Reif's absence, Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

\* Chairman's Report – Dr. Berthiaume announced that Ms. White will not be running for re-election to the School Committee in May. Anyone interested in pulling papers has until March 29 to get 45 signatures and file with the Town Clerk. Dr. Berthiaume thanked the Select Board for recommending an override request and putting it on the warrant for Town Meeting. He also encouraged everyone to vote.

\* Review and Approve Minutes – None.

\* Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures.

\* Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Calmes reported the following:  

- Brian Spadafino will be the next principal at Lunenburg High School. Mr. Spadafino said a few words of appreciation to the committee.
- With direction from Ms. Gearin and Mrs. McQuaid, students did very well in the recent Flower Show competition in Boston.
- MCAS testing is taking place at the schools.
- March Break poll shows mixed reviews but overall are positive.

\* Student Report – Ms. Degrace reported the following:

- LHS Student Council will present the Mr. LHS competition on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.
- The spring sports season began this week.
- French students recently attended a production of Les Miserables in Boston.
- There were many awards given to students from Lunenburg's Horticulture class at the Flower Show in Boston.

\* New Business  
Action

- a. Donation – Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of the donation of 30 used LCD monitors from AMD. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- b. Donation – Superintendent Calmes recommended the acceptance of \$552 from the Hannaford Helps Program to Lunenburg Primary School. Ms. Shapiro moved and Mr. Mackin seconded a motion to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- c. Donation – Superintendent Calmes recommended acceptance of a \$325 donation from the Association of Professional Administrators at Fitchburg State University to pay for a bus to take Lunenburg students to the Special Olympics at FSU. Ms. Shapiro moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. Vote: unanimous.
- d. Donation – Superintendent Calmes acknowledged the donation of 150 headsets valued at \$10.95 each from Enterasys Networks.
- e. FY12 LHS Tennis Team Request to Compete and Donation – The Tennis Booster Club raised \$1,000 to have this program operate this year. LHS student Matthew Pratt asked if the committee would reinstate the tennis program. He spoke about the importance of the program to him personally and to all the other players. Derek Booth, also an LHS student, talked about his participation on the tennis team. Superintendent Calmes said she spoke with Mr. McCauliff who is in favor of reinstating the program; therefore she recommended approval of reinstating the program for this year and acceptance of the donation. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the superintendent’s recommendation to reinstate the tennis program and accept the donation. Vote: unanimous.

\* Old Business

Action

- a. Second Reading - Revised and New Policies: Section 1000 and Acceptable Use
  - Section 1000 – Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to waive the second reading. Vote: unanimous.
  - Acceptable Use – Staff/Electronic Use: Superintendent Calmes recommended waiting for the policy subcommittee to review again before a second reading. Student Electronic Use: Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to waive the second reading with the slight modification in student email address format. Vote: unanimous.
- b. Use of School Property – Educational Program Connection Maple Syrup Industry – Jim Lattanzi has been working with Anna Keegan who teaches an economics class at LHS. He explained the curriculum connection from an economic perspective (land use policy, small business owner, town counsel) and how he would like to continue working with the students. Dr. Berthiaume would like the administrators and professional educators to take a look at his proposal and make their recommendation before the school committee makes a decision.

Mr. Paul Smith, 60 Northfield Road, addressed the committee. Mr. Smith read a prepared response to Mr. Lattanzi’s proposal. Referencing Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, and the Lunenburg Public Schools Policy 1202, Mr. Smith said he does not believe that Mr. Lattanzi should be allowed to use school property for his business because he is a for-profit company owner. Superintendent Calmes will check with legal counsel on this issue. Dr. Berthiaume responded to Mr. Smith that the School Committee does have the authority to make the final determination on this subject.

Discussion

- a. Student Travel Policy – Superintendent Calmes gave some background information on the student travel policy. She recommended that it be reviewed by the policy sub-committee. Internal procedures will also be reviewed to ensure the policy is followed in the future. Dr. Berthiaume said that because we do have the policy in place, it is essential that we follow the policy so the advisors aren’t out on a limb.

\* Public Comment – Dr. Berthiaume reminded everyone that the Finance Committee will be voting on April 5 as to whether or not they recommend the override. He also reminded everyone that an advocacy group has been formed to support the override; its website is [www.lunenburgcitizens.com](http://www.lunenburgcitizens.com). Voter registration is open until April 13. Dr. Berthiaume thanked Ms. White for her commitment to the School Committee over the past five years.

- \* Reports
  - a. School Building Committee – The SBC met and reviewed timelines and the process for getting an Owner’s Project Manager. They approved an amount for feasibility and design, which is \$720,000 dollars plus \$30,000 being repurposed from regionalization.
  - b. Finance Committee
  - c. School Councils – the Primary School survey results are in; they include a lot of positive feedback and some constructive criticism. It was suggested members of the Council be invite to a meeting to discuss the results.
  - d. PTO
  - e. Policy Sub-Committee
  - f. Capital Planning Committee
  - g. Health Advisory Committee
  - h. PAC/SAL
  - i. Regional Planning Committee
  - j. Rep. Benson’s Advisory
  - k. Other –

\* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

- \* Items for Future Discussion
  - Workshop Sessions
  - Facilities Use Procedure
  - Civic Engagement

\* 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 litigation position. At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

- Dr. Berthiaume – yes
- Mr. Mackin – yes
- Ms. Shapiro – yes
- Ms. White – yes

\* Adjournment At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn executive session. Vote: unanimous.

**APPROVED**

Respectfully Submitted,  


Lunenburg School Committee

Mary Landi  
 Recording Secretary

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Date: 4-25-18

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