

LAMOILLE UNION DISTRICT #18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
LAMOILLE UNION LIBRARY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

Board members present: B. Bailey, C. Hickory, D. Baker, J. Eisenhardt, D. Grant, S. Hamlyn-Prescott (6:03), P. Ingvaldstad, D. Osborn, K. Roberts, W. Sander, D. Whitcomb, D. Wells (6:32). Others: T. Bailey, C. Hindes, S. Fortune, D. Jewett, J. Teegarden, G. Chicoine, M. Frederick, M. Spaulding, W. Uzzle (6:13).

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. ***Call to Order, Introductions, Announcements and Public Input***
 - A. **Call to Order – 5:59**
 - B. **Announcements**

K. Roberts said the second motion concerning hiring a long term sub that was passed at the last meeting was probably not legal according to Robert's Rules – it was like reconsidering a vote without a vote to reconsider. D. Whitcomb suggested putting the matter on the agenda for the next meeting, when the board can vote to make the action legal.

D. Osborn said there was an interesting front page article on school security today in the Times Argus.
2. ***Directors' Orders and Minutes of the January 30th Bid Opening and February 6th Meeting***
 - A. **Directors' Orders**

ACTION: D. Grant moved to approve expense orders for District #18 in the amount of \$267,713.62, seconded by W. Sander. Notable expenditures include: \$154,584 SPED; \$145,771 Laraway; \$22,821 Brosseau Fuel; \$17,731 Hyde Park – Jan 07 electric bill. **The motion was passed.**
 - B. **Minutes of the Jan. 30th Bid Opening and February 6th Meeting**

ACTION: W. Sander moved to approve the minutes of Jan. 30, seconded by D. Whitcomb. The motion was passed.

ACTION: W. Sander moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 6, seconded by K. Roberts. D. Baker questioned whether “building representative” was the correct title for Rita Graves (on p. 3.) It was agreed that “building representative” should be changed to “LUNE representative.” **The motion was passed, with D. Grant abstaining as he was not at that meeting.**
3. ***Administrative Reports / Action Items***
 - A. **GMTCC – J. Teegarden**

J. Teegarden had sent out a letter explaining that he wants Mark Luneau, the forestry instructor, to become part of the LUSD contractual agreement. GMTCC has contracted with Hazen to fund that position, and Luneau has been supervised by Hazen, but now that the program is moving out of Hazen, J. Teegarden thinks it is important Luneau be moved into a contract

with all his other instructors. He asked the board to offer Luneau a contract in accordance with what was agreed on at the personnel committee meeting.

ACTION: W. Sander moved to offer Mark Luneau a contract as outlined by J. Teegarden, contingent upon a side letter mutually acceptable to the union and board, and the motion was seconded. The personnel committee unanimously recommends this. D. Osborn asked if there are any other employees not employed by GMTCC. J. Teegarden said no, so this is not likely to occur again. P. Ingvaldstad explained that the forestry program originally existed at Hazen, then the tech center took it over. K. Roberts asked about S. Fortune and C. Miller not being in agreement with this recommendation. J. Teegarden said their disagreement is over where Luneau will be placed in terms of seniority. They are worried that in the future he might bump a teacher. J. Teegarden thinks it's very unlikely, so that is not a concern to him. C. Hindes agreed with J. Teegarden's summary. **The motion was passed.**

Phil Lovely is interested in leaving his position as guidance counselor at the high school and moving to a guidance counselor position at GMTCC. J. Teegarden recommends offering P. Lovely a contract for the 2008 school year. (*W. Uzzle arrived at 6:13.*) He recommends offering a salary based on where he would be on the pay scale if he were a teacher. That's about \$5K over what's budgeted, but he thinks he could move things around to cover it.

ACTION: W. Sander moved to offer Phil Lovely a contract under those conditions, seconded by J. Eisenhardt. The personnel committee is in unanimous agreement on this.

ACTION: W. Sander moved to go into executive session, inviting J. Teegarden and T. Bailey to remain, at 6:15, seconded by K. Roberts, and the motion was passed. The board consented out of session at 6:21.

ACTION: K. Roberts moved to amend W. Sander's motion to say that J. Teegarden will negotiate a contract based on the personnel committee's recommendation for a cap on the salary, seconded by J. Eisenhardt, and the motion was passed.

The amended motion was passed.

B. Middle School – C. Hindes

They have been visiting the sending schools, and have met many parents and students. They will do the same next year.

C. High School – S. Fortune

Every year Chris Whitlock takes about 10 students, along with a female chaperone, to some desert place for ecological and geological studies, camping, hiking, etc. This year they are going to Big Bend National Park during the April break. The board needs to give its approval when kids go out of state.

ACTION: W. Sander moved to approve the earth science trip, seconded by K. Roberts. D. Osborn said the legal advice presented to the

Johnson board convinced them it was not prudent for any board to sanction overnight field trips in this day and age. She asked if there have been discussions about that here. S. Fortune said AdCo talked about that about a month ago. There is a liability concern. T. Bailey said it is a high liability issue, and they have had some difficulties in the past. But they have a policy on overnight trips, and it is within the board's authority to sanction them. If something happens, our insurance would kick in. These are all very good students. They are older than 6th graders - they are sophomores. M. Frederick said the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust states on their web site that they know overnight trips are often part of the curriculum, and they offer some recommended practices. She could forward those to the school. W. Sander asked, what about kids who can't afford the trip? S. Fortune said there is money available for that. C. Hinds said the 8th grade New York City trip is coming up. All students who want to go can; they've been doing fund raising. T. Bailey said some other activities require kids to be away overnight, so this trip is not unique. There is a big difference between elementary age students and high school students. He would endorse the board giving approval. **The motion was passed.**

S. Fortune distributed a summary of the notes she took when she met with some high school kids to discuss action plan ideas and how to improve the school climate. (*D. Wells arrived at 6:32.*) She sought student input because of board criticism of the action plan that was not approved due to lack of student and parent input. She would like to have the action plan in place before she leaves in June. There was discussion about when the curriculum committee could meet next to discuss the action plan. It will be decided after the meeting or through email.

S. Fortune said she would like to talk about hiring and dismissal procedures at a future meeting.

D. Central Office

T. Bailey has been planning the new board members' orientation, tentatively scheduled for April 11, here at the culinary arts dining area if it's available. M. Frederick has been busy with the budget. All schools have made their reports to the state on quality standards.

G. Chicoine said there are 7 candidates for the principal position whose packages are being reviewed. The packets are in the library for review by teachers and the public. Interviews will be held March 8 and 14.

4. Committee Reports and Updates

Policy Committee

ACTION: D. Grant moved to warn Firearms and Weapons Policy 6.6.2, effective today, seconded by J. Eisenhardt. D. Grant said this version of the policy incorporates findings from the lawyer and concerns from administration and the policy committee, and the policy committee unanimously agreed on it. It will

be sent out in the next packet to be voted on at the next meeting. **The motion was passed.**

6. *Request for Future Agenda Items and Recess to Annual Meeting*

A. Future Agenda Items:

S. Fortune said since this is probably the last meeting D. Grant will be at, she would like to thank him for the many hours he has devoted to this board, especially on the policy committee and as a clerk. M. Frederick seconded that, and P. Ingvoldstad expressed the board's appreciation for D. Grant's efforts.

B. Recess

ACTION: It was moved and seconded to recess at 6:43, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna E. Griffiths

Actions taken at the LU District #18 Board Meeting 2-20-07:

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