

**Lempster School District
School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Lempster Community School Library
Approved Meeting Minutes**

Present-Board members: Kelly Caron, Jessica Hooper (arrived 5:24), Rachel Tirrell, Jillian Thomas and Bruce Cragin

Superintendent/Director of Student Services: Jim Lewis

Principal: Ralph Peterson

Finance Manager: Lisa Cross

Call to order

K. Caron

Ms. Caron called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Agenda Adjustments-none

K. Caron

Review of minutes from 4.4.2023

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Rachel Tirrell made a motion to approve the draft minutes from 4.4.2023 as presented, second by Jillian Thomas. All were in favor, with Bruce Cragin abstaining.

Review of nonpublic minutes from 4.4.2023

K. Caron

Jillian Thomas made a motion to approve the nonpublic draft minutes from 4.4.2023 as presented, second by Rachel Tirrell. All were in favor, with Bruce Cragin abstaining.

Public comment- Representative Hope Damon, Selena Leite, LCS teachers-Amy Murray, Lynne Clough and Autumn Tibbetts were present.

Introductions were made. Ms. Murray has contacted the American Legion who will donate flags for classrooms and one for outside. Ms. Clough thanked Ms. Damon for visiting her classroom prior to the field trip to the State House. Students were able to shake Governor Sununu's hand. The students witnessed an executive meeting. Ms. Tibbetts spoke

to switching from special education to a classroom teacher. She also spoke to the upcoming grade 2 and 3 field trip to Squam Lake Science Center. Ms. Leite expressed her excitement for her son Mario who will be a marshal at this year's 8th grade graduation.

Administrative reports

J. Lewis

Poetry night

The coffee house poetry night was well attended. Light refreshments were provided. Children read poems and asked for the program to be repeated next year. Many thanks to Robin Maguire and Maggie Kemp for their support with the poetry program and evening event.

Webpage progress

Tim McNicholas has been working on the updated web page. A peek of the progress was shared by all in attendance. Ms. Thomas asked for links to PTO and school board.

Staffing

J. Lewis

Resignations (may need nonpublic)

Administrative contracts

We are looking for a bus driver & Life Skills teacher. Mr. Lewis is considering sending a town wide newsletter with employment opportunities. Employment sites such as Indeed were suggested. Mr. Lewis's contract for 2023-2024 was signed by Ms. Caron.

NHSAS

R. Peterson

Parents will be reminded to encourage their children when it comes to testing. The Olympic program will take place again directly after the morning testing for 6-8 days. There will be a notice that parents can opt their children out of testing. We will provide snacks and waters. Testing scores are increasing.

Eighth grade trip**R. Peterson**

Currently the class is researching 2 or 3 day trips including Canobie Lake Park, Strawberry Banke and a museum. Students have to be passing all four subjects to attend.

Summer Academy**J. Lewis**

Mr. Lewis was able to acquire the Beyond School Action grant for \$13K to be used for summer school. Programming will be academics in the morning, lunch provided to all and enrichment activities in the afternoon. Previous activities were hiking, rock band, flight, etc. It is hoped to cap off the program with a trip to Boston's Duck Tours.

Solar update**J. Lewis**

Mr. Lewis spoke with Joey who stated the permits have been approved. It is expected that the ground breaking will happen June 16th. There will be three trees coming down to make room. The entire install will take 60 days at which time we'd like to invite Governor Sununu.

Superintendent Evaluation**Board**

Ms. Caron explained the superintendent evaluation process and asks that board members return them by May 15th.

Covid Status**J. Lewis**

What will fall look like? Hospitalizations are at 6. The pandemic forced us to have good habits such as hand washing.
Total numbers likely to continue to go down, ready for fall

Policies**J. Lewis**

JICI 1st reading GADA 1st reading

Monthly building needs update**J. Lewis**

Cleaning of landscape was completed during vacation. The sticks and limbs on the grounds are gone as are the Christmas wreaths.
The playground slide was repaired.
We will host a community playground raising event on June 3rd.

Mr. Lewis asked if the PTO would provide food and drinks to the volunteers. The PTO will be working on the garden soon.

Finances

J. Lewis

Food service contract was discussed and signed by Ms. Caron. Increased prices for student meals lunch \$3.25 and breakfast \$2.00. Estimated current lunch debt and after school program debt was discussed.

Manifest update

The manifests were reviewed and signed by the board.

Budget status update

J. Lewis

Estimated year end fund balance was discussed and the possibility of using the High School Capital Reserve Fund.

Goshen Tuition agreement

Jillian Thomas made a motion to approve the Goshen School District's 2023-2024 tuition agreement, second by Rachel Tirrell. All were in favor.

The agreement was signed by the board members.

It was discussed to host Goshen residents for a waffle breakfast where they can tour the school and meet current students. We'll be sending a town wide mailer as well, which will point out our new website and all we have to offer.

Goshen Open House will be held on Saturday, May 20th.

Other items

Ms. Damon spoke about education related bills currently in the House, specifically SB 266 and SB 272. The board expressed their appreciation for Ms. Damon's dedication to education of our students and support of our staff.

Agenda Building**K. Caron**

Web page, Olympics, solar power, policies, school bus and finances.

Time and Place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Retreat will be held at Suna Restaurant on June 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Jillian Thomas made a motion to go into Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 IIc at 6:30 p.m., second by Rachel Tirrell.

Roll call-Kelly yes, Bruce yes, Rachel yes, Jillian yes, Jessica yes.

Adjournment

Notes taken by Lisa Cross, finance manager

Minutes transcribed by Susan Lichty, board secretary