

Lempster School District
School Board Meeting~Tuesday, May 7, 2024
5:30 PM
Lempster Community School Library
Approved Meeting Minutes

Present-Board members: Kelly Caron, Jillian Thomas, Jessica Hooper, Hilary Snide and Bruce Cragin
Superintendent/Director of Student Services: Jim Lewis
Principal: Ralph Peterson

Call to order

K. Caron

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Ms. Caron, chair.

Agenda Adjustments

K. Caron

Added to the agenda were LEA negotiation request, teacher appreciation, NHSAS testing/Olympics, PFOA update

Review of minutes from (4.2.24)

Board

Jillian Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes of 4.2.24, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor, with Jessica Hooper abstaining.

Review of nonpublic minutes from (4.2.24)

Board

Jillian Thomas made a motion to accept the nonpublic minutes of 4.2.24, second by Hilary Snide. All were in favor, with Jessica Hooper abstaining.

Public Comment (limited to 30 minutes) Selena Leite was present

Ms. Leite inquired about a bill for busing to Fall Mountain that was mentioned at the last meeting and she was wondering if that bill was averaged into what the fee was for tuition to Fall Mountain and compared to the out of district high schools (tuition and busing average) perhaps those costs might be less than Fall Mountain. Also, she and other parents have concerns about the potholes behind the school and the unsightliness of them.

Food Service contract

J. Lewis

The Fresh Picks company has been bought out by another group, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Hooper have volunteered to study the new group and see if it will work for us. They will report back to the board at a later date.

LEA negotiation request

J. Lewis

The teachers union have requested to negotiate and Ms. Snide and Mr. Cragin have agreed to participate in negotiations with Mr. Lewis and the teachers.

Solar Update

J. Lewis

We are very close to going 'live' with the solar array. More soon.

Preschool Next year

J. Lewis

The preschool teacher will be on maternity leave at the start of the school year in September.

Fourteen students were screened for kindergarten today. There is an Open House for Goshen Students on May 18th, there may be a visit by the very popular Hopkinton Fieldstone Llamas!

School Happenings

R. Peterson

- Graduation-June 12-There will be 8 or 9 graduates-Mr. Peterson reviewed how graduation will work, as always a preference to have the ceremony outdoors, but will prepare for both options. On the 5th of June, the graduating Fall Mountain students will be returning to LCS to visit the school.
- Summer programming-there will be fifteen days of summer school
- Mr. Peterson and Ms. Tremblay are working on building a cabin with students in Pioneer Village
- Teacher Appreciation-the PTO and the Brenner Family provided wonderful food and trinkets for staff
- NHSAS testing/Olympics-testing is going well, although students are having to share chromebooks, the Olympics are always enjoyed by all!

Policies

J. Lewis

- BEC first reading
- BEDG first reading

Monthly building needs update

J. Lewis

- PFOA update-pursue grant from NHDES-the numbers previously above the norm and constantly fluctuating are now within normal limits.
Jillian Thomas made a motion to pursue a grant for a water filtration system to remediate the PFOA in the water, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor.
- Eighth grade dedication wall- Each 8th grader will be given a block to decorate as they see fit to 'leave their mark' on Lempster Community School.

Resignation

J. Lewis

Ms. Pare has decided to stay at home with her child and will not be returning as our science teacher. She will be missed.

Finances

J. Lewis

- Manifest-the manifests were reviewed and signed by the board.
- The van has not been fixed yet. We have a lead on a bus driver.
- Projected fund balance-approximately \$189k at this point
- Attorney fees-included in the above fund balance
- Alma systems-grant for training and other benefits to the system were described to the board by Mr. Lewis
- Bus purchase-as the budget does not justify a second bus, we will just keep one bus. The one bus will cost 51K.
- Sub rate-was researched and we will continue to look at this.

Other items**K. Caron**

Ms. Caron reminded the board that it's time to evaluate the superintendent and she will be emailing the forms to the board members.

Ms. Thomas informed Mr. Peterson that rules for coaching certifications are changing and are now requiring more first aid rules, head injury, heat exhaustion etc.

Agenda Building**K. Caron**

Food service contract, policy second reading, solar, substitute rate, fund balance, preschool, bus Fall Mtn

Time and Place of next meeting**K. Caron**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 5:30pm. The board retreat will be held on June 14 at 4pm at Bubba's.

Nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 II**J. Lewis**

*Jessica Hooper made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 11c at 6:37pm, second by Bruce Cragin.
Roll call; Kelly-yes, Bruce-yes, Hilary-yes, Jessica-yes, Jillian-yes*

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lichty
Board Secretary