

LAMOILLE UNION DISTRICT #18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
GMTCC COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

Board members present: B. Bailey, D. Baker, J. Eisenhardt, S. Hamlyn-Prescott, P. Ingvoldstad, T. O’Hear, D. Osborn, B. Penberthy, S. Reber, K. Roberts, W. Sander. Absent: D. Whitcomb. Others: D. Taylor, B. Schaffer, J. Teegarden. C. Hindes, M. Frederick, M. Spaulding, N. Nemeth.

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Adopt the Agenda, Announcements and Public Input

A. Call to Order – 6:36

B. Adopt the Agenda

MOTION: W. Sander moved to adopt the agenda, T. O’Hear seconded, and the motion was passed.

2. Consent Agenda Items (Approval of Minutes of the November 23 Meeting)

MOTION: W. Sander moved to approve the consent agenda, P. Ingvoldstad seconded, and the motion was passed.

3. Directors’ Orders:

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>11/13/09</i>	<i>\$68,358.48</i>
	<i>11/20/09</i>	<i>\$53,089.33</i>
<i>Construction</i>	<i>11/13/09</i>	<i>\$839.65</i>
<i>Vocational Building</i>	<i>11/13/09</i>	<i>\$97.24</i>

MOTION: K Roberts moved to approve directors’ orders as printed, and the motion was seconded. S. Hamlyn-Prescott noted that the Nov. 13 orders include \$19K for Hyde Park electric. **The motion was passed.**

4. LUSD Budget Update/Discussion

M. Frederick said the formal budget presentation will be at next week’s special meeting. She distributed spreadsheets showing how tax rates would be affected by different base rates. DOE is using .88 for the base rate now. D. Taylor said the tax commissioner is going to announce that rate soon. M. Frederick had predicted a base of rate of .89 as the best case scenario, and she still thinks it will end up at .89. D. Taylor asked, at the conclusion of the legislative session? M. Frederick said yes, she thinks so. K. Roberts thinks the base rate could end up being .92, so M. Frederick also included a sheet showing that scenario. We’ve always gone on what was announced as the base rate when coming up with a budget. Last year the state did change it from what was initially announced. M. Frederick said we won’t need to worry about the Act 82 two vote provision.

MOTION: S. Hamlyn-Prescott moved to enter executive session regarding contract negotiations, with administration remaining and the student representative not remaining, at 6:50, K. Roberts seconded, and the motion was passed. The board consented out of session at 7:08.

5. Administrative Reports and Action Items

A. High School

B. Schaffer discussed the 2009 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey. He said one area that jumped out was the perception of availability. Sixty-seven percent of students surveyed perceive that alcohol or cigarettes are easy to obtain and 57% perceive that marijuana is easy to obtain. (M. Frederick left at 7:10.)

B. GMTCC

J. Teegarden said the culinary program team won a state competition. Everyone applauded. The first set of 4 solar panels has now gone up on the heavy technology building via the electrical technology program. We don't have permits to run it yet. J. Teegarden has asked the electrical technology instructor to come to a board meeting to explain what has gone on with the solar panels. He has talked about budgeting money to have his group add panels in future years. K. Roberts asked, are they assembling the panels themselves? M. Spaulding said he thought they were prebuilt. J. Teegarden said a grant paid for the one that is up there now. W. Sander asked, is there a way to make sure they are not penetrating the roof? M. Spaulding explained where the panels are located. D. Taylor said 2 elementary schools are considering having solar panels installed through grants. Would the electrical technology students want to work on installation of those projects? J. Teegarden said he thought the instructor and students would entertain any possibility. D. Baker commended this project. She said it fits right in with making the country more energy efficient. J. Teegarden will talk to the instructor about coming to the Dec. 8 or Dec. 15 board meeting.

6. Committee Reports and Action Items

Neither the policy committee nor the curriculum committee will meet next week.

A. Policy Committee

D. Osborn said several policies are under discussion.

B. Curriculum Committee

W. Sander said at the next curriculum committee meeting, B. Schaffer will give a presentation on graduation requirements. B. Schaffer said he will be presenting a competency based graduation requirement, and will revisit the current graduation requirements.

C. Cricket Hill Building Committee

M. Spaulding said everything that is going to be done to the building before winter is about done. It will be closed in for winter soon, but we won't put siding on before winter.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items and Adjourn

K. Roberts said on Thursday there will be a hearing at the state house on moving retirement to the ed fund. Anyone who has an opinion and can show up will be more than welcome.

S. Reber said he wanted to throw out the idea of having the full board or a committee look at the annual report and discuss possible changes, to see if there was any interest.

D. Taylor said the retirement commission report K. Roberts had mentioned will be from 7-9:30 PM on Dec. 3. W. Sander said the National Honor Society induction is also at 7 PM on Dec. 3. He suggested people may want to show up for that. D. Taylor said the same evening at 6 PM, there will be a public forum here at GMTCC giving education on prevention of child sex abuse. The forum was requested by some administrators and board members.

J. Eisenhardt said our vocational education is getting back to where it used to be. Our kids are coming out on top in several areas. That is a good place to be.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:23, and the motion was passed.

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