

LAMOILLE UNION DISTRICT #18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
LAMOILLE UNION LIBRARY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

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

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 – 6:32**
 - B. **Adopt the Agenda**
MOTION: J. Eisenhardt moved to adopt the agenda, T. O'Hear seconded, and the motion was passed.
2. ***Consent Agenda Items (Minutes of the December 1 Meeting)***
MOTION: J. Eisenhardt moved to approve the consent agenda, K. Roberts seconded, and the motion was passed.
3. ***Directors' Orders***

There were none.
4. ***LUSD Budget Update/Discussion***

D. Taylor said there is no new budgeting information from the state. She also noted that C. Hindes was unable to attend because he was ill. (*D. Osborn arrived at 6:35.*)

M. Frederick distributed proposed budget figures for the middle school and high school. The middle school budget was up \$2,343.67 compared to last year, and the high school budget went down by the same amount. M. Frederick was not sure of the reason for that, but thought it looked like there was a shift in instructional technology. She said to her knowledge there were no significant changes in the middle school budget.

S. Hamlyn-Prescott said she thought M. Frederick had said special ed would be down this year. M. Frederick said Medicaid reimbursements will be down. There have been huge savings in special ed transport, but we took those savings this year. Actual expenditures for this year were a lot less than budgeted. M. Frederick said she thought net special ed might be a little up. She said that if state-placed students were no longer 100% funded, that would be a big hit for us. D. Taylor said the commissioner's letter mentioned that state-placed students may not be 100% funded anymore.

M. Frederick distributed the proposed GMTCC budget, which shows a zero change from last year. She said J. Teegarden is applying his portion of the fund balance as offsetting revenue. S. Hamlyn-Prescott asked which numbers are pretty firm on the revenue side. M. Frederick said they are all speculative except prior year reserve. J. Teegarden said unless they change the formula, all revenue figures are pretty solid. He explained that revenue always equals expenses, because we increase tuition if expenses increase. M. Frederick said we don't have to announce tuition until Jan. 15. J.

Teegarden will meet with the RAB tomorrow morning and ask them to approve the budget.

D. Osborn asked if M. Frederick had suggestions about what we could say when people ask why we were able to have no budget increase this year, when we have not been able to do that in the past. M. Frederick said she will think about that. D. Baker said our fund balances have helped. Others noted that we are budgeting for zero salary increases.

M. Frederick asked whether the board wanted to put a question on the ballot about whether we would always have informational meetings on this campus, rather than in Cambridge in alternate years. She said this year the meeting will have to be in Cambridge as scheduled. P. Ingvoldstad asked, why not have the annual meeting within 10 days of the vote and not hold an informational meeting? K. Roberts asked, is there a way to facilitate holding it electronically, so people could attend in both places? D. Taylor said we are implementing distance education equipment across all LNSU schools, paid for with ARRA funds. The equipment should be installed by the end of January. K. Roberts said we would need a facilitator in both places. D. Taylor said it will be technically possible. M. Frederick will get more information for the next meeting about the requirements concerning the annual and informational meetings. She said the annual meeting would become the informational meeting, so we are talking about eliminating the informational meeting. P. Ingvoldstad asked, could we have all the elementary school informational meetings on the same night? (*W. Sander arrived at 7:15.*) Some others were not sure that would be a good idea. P. Ingvoldstad suggested we could still connect our meeting with the Cambridge informational meeting.

S. Hamlyn-Prescott said at the annual meeting, there will have to be a vote for the capital reserve fund, and the whole board will need to approve that ballot question. M. Frederick said we already have established the capital reserve, but we have to take a vote on moving fund balance into the capital reserve each year. She suggested we might want to wait until we get better revenue figures to decide about that vote, because we may decide we want to use some or all of the fund balance, rather than putting it in capital reserve. M. Spaulding distributed an updated capital plan up to 2015. He noted that he hadn't updated the technology part, just kept the dollar amount the same.

S. Hamlyn-Prescott asked M. Frederick to walk the board through the next steps. M. Frederick said the most important factor is revenue. If the state cuts a lot, then we will have a different decision to make. That's the big unknown. D. Taylor said figures may not be available for the next meeting, and asked if M. Frederick would suggest postponing decision making. M. Frederick said she thought the board should postpone a decision until we have the best revenue picture possible. January 5 is the latest date we can decide. She thinks we will have more information for next week.

P. Ingvoldstad asked, what if we had our informational meeting at HPES? K. Roberts said Hyde Park will have their town meeting here this year, and they might want to come here for their informational meeting.

5. ***Administration Reports and Action Items***

A. **GMTCC**

J. Teegarden said the Stowe school board met last night at the GMTCC Community Education Center, so they had a chance to see it for the first time.

B. **Central Office**

B. Bailey said D. Whitcomb had asked her to ask who is in charge of scheduling Christmas concerts. The high school concert was scheduled for the same night as Eden's, and a parent was upset because she has children at both schools. She wanted someone to know they had been overlooked. D. Taylor said LNSU schools don't have a collaborative events calendar, but that is on her list of things she would like to try organizing. B. Schaffer said there is a dance concert coming up at LUHS, and they got feedback from Eden parents that they had a dance concert scheduled at the same time, so they decided to change the start time of the LUHS one to be later. He also noted that he and C. Hinder held parent-teacher conferences on the same night this year, and people were happy about that.

MOTION: K. Roberts moved to enter executive session regarding contract negotiations, inviting administration to remain, at 7:34, D. Baker seconded, and the motion was passed. The board consented out of session at 8:52, with no action taken.

6. ***Request for Future Agenda Items and Adjourn***

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:53, and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna E. Griffiths

Actions taken at the LU District #18 Board Meeting 12/8/09:

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