

Londonderry School Board meeting

A concurrent meeting of the School Administrative Unit No. 12 School Board and the Londonderry School District School Board was held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2009**, at 7:00PM at the Londonderry Town Offices. In attendance were School Board members George Herrmann, John Robinson, Ben Parker and Steve Young. Also in attendance were District Superintendent Nate Greenberg, Assistant Superintendent Mark Blount, Business Administrator Peter Curro and School Board Secretary Mary Wing Soares.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and **(2.0)** Suzie Swenson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Questions, Announcements and Presentations
None

4.0. Consent Agenda

4.1 Resignation(s):

Janet Buell	Teacher	North School
Susan Peters	Food Service	Middle School
Kristie Upschulte	Teacher	High School

4.2 Minutes: June 16, 2009

4.3 Meetings:

August 11, 2009 7:00PM Regular Meeting Town Office
August 24, 2009 6:00PM Building Tours *North, Middle, Moose Hill*
August 25, 2009 7:00PM Regular Meeting Town Office
August 26, 2009 6:00PM Building Tours *South, MT, High School, DO*

Mr. Herrmann made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Student Council – Erin Margolin not here

5.2 Teacher Liaison – Stella Skoropowski- not here

5.3 School Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Young said the governor signed into legislation the fourth mandate of the court ordered mandates regarding education funding. They had to define an adequate education, cost it out, fund it and hold themselves accountable for supporting it. Mr. Young reported that the state has failed to hold them self accountable, rather passing the cost burden onto the school district.

6.0 Superintendent's Report

6.1 LHS and LMS Discipline Reports

Ms. Sullivan said the HS graduating class ended their year with the maturity they'd shown all throughout their time at LHS, truly "a class act". She went through the incident report. The highlights were as follows: 495 incidents during semester two; there were 20 students with 5 or more discipline incidents accounting for 28% of discipline incidents; Senior graduation week was a success with no discipline issues; the breathalyzer was used once during semester two.

The HS will be updating the codes, meeting with the LIFT students, working on the ISS room coming up with stricter policies and more effective programming; and giving breathalyzer training updates over the summer.

Mr. Herrmann asked about the breathalyzer use. There was an incident where there were two students who were suspected of having alcohol in their system. One student admitted it right away, another student wanted to take the breathalyzer to clear as the student denied having alcohol.

Ms. Hastings introduced herself as the new Assistant Principal for LMS. There were 109 students seen for disciplining actions. There are 8 students responsible for 21% of the discipline incidents. There were no behavior concerns during the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, DC.

There are redundancies in the X2 system which is being addressed this summer. The RTI program is also being addressed. There is also a mentoring program for students that are at risk.

Mr. Young asked what an incident designated as “other” is. Ms. Hastings said they are incidents that don’t fit with the X2 codes but are described in the comment box so that the administrative team will know what it is.

7.0 Curriculum Report

7.1 C3 Report – Mark Blount reported that the C3 committee averaged 18 members out of 30 at each meeting; that meetings were held at MT and will be held at SS in the fall. The C3 committee activities were outlined. They will be seeing the DVD on the 4-5th grade guided research which had been postponed earlier in the year.

8.0 Deliberation

8.1 District Consolidated Grant Application (Title I, IIA, IV) G Approval – Mark Blount – Mr. Blount went through the title 1 grant (total amount with carryover - \$225,149.48) including the funds set-aside for supplemental education services. Students will qualify for the set-aside funds if they qualify for free and reduced lunch services. Parents/guardians may contact Nancy Faucon at the Food Service division to apply. It is completely confidential.

Mr. Blount also went through the uses of Title IIA which is used to reduce class sizes and Title IV – which funds the following programs and positions: LHS students assistance program assistant counselor, LHS school community services – self-help community liaison, LHS SADD advisor, LHS World studies program/camp Takodah, LMS student assistance program counselor and Elementary boys and girls respect groups.

Mr. Robinson asked why the counselors are at the same funding level if they have different titles. Mr. Corey explained they hold the same credentials.

Mr. Parker made the motion to approve accepting the funds under Consolidated Grant Application. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Young asked if this would lock the school district into paying for these programs should the funding not be there in the future. Mr. Greenberg replied that it would not. *Motion passed 4-0-0.*

8.2 Spring Adult Education Recap, Summer School Update and Adult High School/Special Needs Grant - For Approval – Greg Warren

Mr. Parent reported that there was a successful spring semester with 69 students enrolled in 15 classes. 25 students graduated in June 2009. They will be looking at adding classes for those who have been in the program and would like more variety. Mr. Parent also reported on the GED program and summer school. There are 99 students enrolled in the summer school offerings. 23 students are in the LIFT program. There are 14 students taking the PLATO online courses and the school is looking to use grant money to add 10 HP net book computers and a mobile lab, a laser jet black and white printer, a wireless access point, a laptop computer to replace older laptop computer, 2 desktop computers to replace older computers and 3 special education teachers to assist students with special education needs and 504 accommodation plans.

Mr. Robinson asked if the line items can be changed before the application is submitted formally. Mr. Parent said yes. Mr. Young asked where the funding is coming from. Mr. Parent said it is from the state but is not designated to support the students, it has become available and Mr. Parent would like to take advantage of it. The law states that districts must educate students until they are 18 but doesn’t offer funding to support that.

Mr. Robinson made the motion to allow the grant funds to be expended as outlined. Mr. Herrmann seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

8.3 IDEA Grant Approval – Kimberly Carpinone – Mrs. Carpinone asked the board to accept the \$1,077,283 IDEA grant money which represents a \$40,178.00 increase over last year’s allotment. The preschool funds allotment is \$18,550.16 which is a \$9,009 decrease. Mrs. Carpinone said this is due to a bump in the funding which was given a few years back in response to a mandate for preschool outcome. The mandate has not gone away, but the funding did. Mr. Young asked if the funds were not expended would we lose funds in the future. Mrs. Carpinone

said that if the funds were not expended we would not lose the grant amount, however it is prudent to look for ways to use the funds in the program so that the funds could be expended. Funds cannot supplant the program.

5 *Mr. Parker made the motion to accept the funds. Mr. Herrmann seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.*

8.4 Cross Country Overnight Field Trip – Mr. Greenberg said this is the annual trip that the cross country team takes. There are 20 athletes and 2 chaperones. There is no school time missed because it is before school begins.

10 Mr. Parker made the motion to approve the trip. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.

15 Mr. Young asked about the citizens in the audience, complimenting them for coming. There was a woman who is a parent of students in the district and she believes one cannot comment about what one doesn't fully understand so she is taking the time to come to the meetings.

20 *Mr. Herrmann made the motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91:A:3, Section II (a) through (f). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.*

Public meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

25 Mary Wing Soares
School Board Secretary

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Non-Public Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2009

PRESENT: Board Members: Mr. Herrmann, Mr. Parker, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Young
Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Greenberg
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Blount
5 Director of Human Resources: Mrs. Swenson
Business Administrator: Mr. Curro

10 Ben Parker moved, seconded by John Robinson and passed unanimously (4-0) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, Section II (a) through (i) at 7:43PM.

George Herrmann moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (4-0) to approve the administration's recommendation for Teachers.

15 George Herrmann moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (4-0) to approve the administration's recommendation for a Nurse.

George Herrmann moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (4-0) to approve the administration's recommendation for a Special Education Assistant.

20 George Herrmann moved, seconded by John Robinson and passed unanimously (4-0) to approve the administration's recommendation for a Co-Curricular Advisor at the Middle School.

25 George Herrmann moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (4-0) to exit non-public session at 7:55PM.

John Robinson moved, seconded by George Herrmann and passed unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 7:56PM.

30 Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,

35 Nathan S. Greenberg
Superintendent of Schools