

## 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, August 25, 2009**, at 7:00PM at the Londonderry Town Offices. In attendance were School Board members George Herrmann, John Robinson, Ben Parker, Ron Campo and Steve Young. Also in attendance were District Superintendent Nate Greenberg, Business Administrator Peter Curro, Student Council liaison Erin Margolin and School Board Secretary Mary Wing Soares.

### 1.0 Call to Order

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance Lead by Peter Curro.** Mr. Young asked for a moment of silence for Budget Committee member Tom Dolan's father who died unexpectedly. Mrs. Dolan, Tom's wife is an employee of the district. Mr. Young also asked for a moment of silence for Steve Iarrocchi's father who also died unexpectedly.

### 3.0 Questions, Announcements and Presentations

Mr. Greenberg gave an H1N1 (ILI) update. There will be hand sanitizers in each of the room and near the cafeteria at the MS and HS with teacher education to occur. The custodians have been updated on cleaning procedures regarding banisters and doorknobs. People should wash their hands for the time it takes them to sing "Happy Birthday." Parents will be notified that students will be allowed to come back to school 24 hours after the fever breaks. The district will be tracking the absentee rates of students and staff. The CDC is not recommending closure of schools when there is or are cases of H1N1. We may be asked to use our facility as a point of distribution for the flu shots. This district is staying on top of the problems. People will also be reminded about coughing etiquette (coughing into a handkerchief or into the crook of your elbow).

Mr. Young announced that there will be a warm home fund raiser at the Friday scrimmage.

### 4.0 Consent Agenda

#### 4.1 Resignation(s):

Catherine Brown	Special Ed. Assistant	Matthew Thornton
Rachel Collins	Inst. Assistant	Matthew Thornton
Teresa Ferraro	Inst. Assistant	Matthew Thornton
Jenny Gibbons	Special Ed. Assistant	Matthew Thornton
Lisa MacGregor	Food Service	Middle School

#### 4.2 Minutes: August 11, 2009

#### 4.3 Meetings:

August 26, 2009	6:00PM	Building Tours South, MT, High School, DO
September 1, 2009	7:00PM	Regular Meeting Town Office
September 15, 2009	7:00PM	Regular Meeting Town Office

*Mr. Campo made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Herrmann seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.*

### 5.0 Committee Reports

**5.1 Student Council** – Erin Margolin - Over the summer the Student Council has done a lot of work around the High School helping to move textbooks, stuff packets and make bulletin boards.

Applestock, the concert student council hosted on the Town Common, took place on August 15th. The bands and singers performing were great. There was a good turnout in the audience. Matt Rosenberg chaired the event bringing in a profit to the Student Council of \$75. It was a fun night for all.

Freshmen Orientation happened this morning (8/25). Most of the kids managed to get to their classes on time. The freshmen seemed to catch on quickly to the school's layout. The Student Council dressed in black and white and introduced themselves at the morning assembly to help the freshmen around the building. Kerianne Hale and Jimmy Giles chaired the event and made it run smoothly.

**5.2 Teacher Liaison** – Stella Skoropowski/Steve Iarrocchi – not in attendance.

**5.3 School Board Liaison Reports** – Mr. Young said the LMS gym was opened about 22 hours before the tour and after the floor had been triple varnished which was very aromatic. They have wonderful new bleachers. The tours went very well and the board wanted the custodial staffs at the schools to know that they are just amazing.

### 6.0 Curriculum Report

**6.1 Summer Enrichment Report** – Mark Blount – 13 self supporting programs were offered up from 8 last year. Robotics, cooking, literature based programs, science, art and music programs were enthusiastically taken advantage of this summer. Mr. Campo asked if any video has been taken of the various projects. Mr.

Blount said that they had not but the newspapers have given some press. Mr. Campo asked that next year Mr. Blount be sure that they take pictures or video so that it could be put on TV.

Mr. Young thought the robotics class was expensive but was very impressed with how many students signed up for it. Mr. Blount said that had to do with the teacher's marketing of the program.

5           **6.2 Elementary Summer School Report** – Mark Blount – Mr. Blount said student who score below the 30% were identified for needing skill development and retention. There were (2) 75 minute teaching periods. Mr. Blount went on to explain how the classes were made up and what the results of the student pre- and post-testing was. Surveys were given to the parents and 68% of the surveys were returned with mostly positive responses. Some included the appreciation for low class sizes, amount of time dedicated to the students and program set up. Math scores increased across the board using a pre and post test. Reading results varied from grade to grade.

10           Mr. Young said he was pleased with the program and results. Mr. Campo wondered why the response is so low to the program. Mr. Blount said in the past there have been over 100 students in the program. This year the summer was so short which may have been a reason parents chose to keep their children home. The principals work hard to get students to participate.

15           Mr. Parker asked if the criteria are the same for the testing in the summer and the school year. He is concerned that what is focused on isn't what the students need or the area that put them in the lower quartiles. Mr. Blount explained that the invitations are sent based on the NECAP's which may show a different story than what the IOWA's show. Students may improve over the school year. Mr. Greenberg thanked Mr. Blount and the principals for their work this summer and the supervision they provided to the schools over the summer.

20           **6.3 LMS Summer School/Accelerated Math Report** – Andy Corey -Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics were offered. In math, 9 students recovered credits to move onto the next level and in language arts six students recovered credits. Three accelerated math students will move on to Algebra and 1 is on the cusp. Mr. Corey said the summer school teachers just cover what the deficits are after meeting with the student's teachers. Mr. Campo appreciates the lack of calls he has gotten regarding the math class offerings at the middle school.

## 7.0 Superintendent's Report

### 7.1 Recycling Report – Chuck Zappala and Building Principals

30           Mr. Zappala outlined the recycling programs in the various schools noting that the high school is the leader in this. He said to be successful it must be reiterated again and again and made easy. He pointed out the various activities at the HS, MS and elementary schools including recycling of paper, bottles, cans, batteries, ink cartridges, florescent lamp bulbs, motor oil, computers, monitors, refrigerators, appliances and miscellaneous pieces of metal. The upcoming goal is to find a way to recycle the milk cartons that are used each year. Mr. Herrmann thanked Mr. Zappala and wondered if the town could be utilizing the school district services. Mr. Zappala explained that the town does ask for help from the district and if the district is able to get to it or the town is able to wait then the district does do work for the town. Mr. Zappala was asked to sent the information to the public works department. Mr. Zappala said that the report is going to be published in the Solid Waste Advisory pamphlet.

35           Mr. Campo asked about lessons that could be done in the schools regarding this. Mr. Blount said lessons are given through the social studies classes and sciences. Mr. Campo wondered if there should be recycling clubs at Moose Hill and the elementary schools. Mr. Young was surprised about some of the items that are recycled.

### 7.2 Financial Report – Peter Curro

40           There are two forms that the board needs to sign. Mr. Curro said the auditors have completed their audit and it is a clean audit. The district will return just over \$333,000.00. This is very close to the estimate. The school impact fee is growing so the district may be able to draw down onto it.

45           Mr. Curro went through the revenues and expenses as outlined in his memo dated 8/20/09. Mr. Campo complimented Mr. Curro for topping off the oil tanks at below budget pricing which can be used at South School to heat the building during the 2009-2010 school year.

50           Mr. Robinson asked about the substitute teacher moneys. Mr. Young asked about the cost of the shelter use during the ice storm. Mr. Curro said they sent a bill to FEMA so he can give the board an update.

55           Mr. Greenberg explained about the adequacy aid. It will stay flat but their contribution will be offset by local property taxes and 80 million dollars of federal funds

Building aid will be bonded by the state for the second year.

Catastrophic aid has been budgeted but the expectation is that it will be prorated at 70%.

Transportation will be prorated at 88%. There has been no new funding for the law that requires the districts in the state to retain students to 18 years old. The state expects to pull back from 35% to 25% in their contribution

to retirement funding and anticipate they will go back to 35% after that. This will impact us by about \$160,000 in this year's budget and about \$320,000 in the next year's budget. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the funds we receive from the state are only 50% of what is needed to adequately educate a child. Mr. Greenberg anticipates huge problems in the coming year as the state will begin in the hole. Mr. Young asked about the effect on the state's bond rating and pointed out that it doesn't effect the school districts.

## 8.0 Deliberation

### 8.1 Local Government Center Proposed Article 28-a Lawsuit against the State

**(Retirement)** 81% of the towns and cities have joined in this lawsuit against the state but only 30% of the school districts. The consortium would like to raise \$500,000 to pursue this legal challenge. Mr. Greenberg asked about the steering committee. Ted Comstock, a superintendent of a school district is on the committee as well as others. The bill the district received was for \$6,000 and is based on student enrollment. Mr. Parker asked about the merits of the suit. Mr. Greenberg said that the state agreed to fund by 35% the retirement fund. The group is suing because they believe there is a violation of 28A. Mr. Greenberg believes the chances for winning are decent. Mr. Young asked about management fees. NHCafe did not charge anything and were successful. Mr. Campo said he believe if the questions Mr. Young proposes are answered the LSD should support the lawsuit. Mr. Robinson asked about the delta for Londonderry. Mr. Greenberg said it would be \$120,000 this year and about \$320,000 next year. Mr. Robinson asked the value of the former fight since we didn't get much money out of it. Mr. Greenberg said the old law suit kept us whole and allowed us to form good relationships with other school districts and through them prevented the constitutional amendment. Mr. Campo asked to be sure to find out why there are only 30% of the school districts on board. Londonderry town signed on to the suit.

### 8.2 School Board Representative to Planning Board

Mr. Young said he has worked to get a school board representative on the planning board. He went through the history of the process and Mr. Brown, Chair of the Town Council said the Town Council has offered to appoint a school board member as alternate member as there is a position open. Mr. Caron said he would be willing to appoint the School Board member to the ex-officio position when it becomes available. The current appointee is a terrific choice and until he chooses to resign. Mr. Parker said he would like to see this as a sunset policy so that a future board isn't encumbered by this. Mr. Young asked for a motion to accept the offer of an appointment of the school board member sometime in the future as the ex-officio appointment by the town manager. **Mr. Robinson made the motion. Mr. Herrmann seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.** Mr. Herrmann said he would like the appointment until March at which time the seat could be treated as a liaison position much like the way the Town Council's ex-officio position is handled. Mr. Young asked Mr. Brown to pass it on to the Town Council who will vote on it the 31<sup>st</sup>.

At the Derrymeadow school (Upper Room, Derry) there will be a school bus collecting school supplies from 11-3PM.

## 9.0 Non-Public Session

*Mr. Campo made the motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91:A:3, Section II (a) through (i). Mr. Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.*

Meeting adjourned to non public at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wing Soares  
School Board Secretary

Londonderry School Board  
Non-Public Minutes  
Tuesday, August 25, 2009

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

Ron Campo moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (4-0) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, Section II (a) through (i) at 8:45PM.

10 Ron Campo moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (4-0) to support the administration's recommendation for a half-time Special Education Teacher.

Ron Campo moved, seconded by George Herrmann and passed unanimously (4-0) to support the administration's recommendation for Instructional Assistant.

15 School Board Member, Mr. Robinson entered the meeting at 8:50PM.

Ron Campo moved, seconded by George Herrmann and passed unanimously (5-0) to support the administration's recommendation for a Coach.

20 Ron Campo moved, seconded by Ben Parker and passed unanimously (5-0) to support the administration's recommendation for Elementary Co-Curricular and Coaching positions.

25 Ben Parker moved, seconded by George Herrmann and passed unanimously (5-0) to exit non-public session at 8:54PM.

Ben Parker moved, seconded by George Herrmann and passed unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 8:55PM.

30 Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

35 Nathan S. Greenberg  
Superintendent of Schools