

LAMOILLE UNION DISTRICT #18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
GMTCC COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

Board members present: B. Bailey, D. Baker, J. Eisenhardt, P. Ingvaldstad, T. O'Hear, D. Osborn, B. Penberthy, W. Sander, D. Whitcomb. Absent: S. Hamlyn-Prescott, K. Roberts. Others: T. Bailey, C. Hindes, B. Schaffer, J. Teegarden, Chris Miller, Jen Hulse (6:41), Maureen Cooper.

**Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.**

**1. *Call to Order, Introductions, Announcements and Public Input***

T. Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**2. *Board Reorganization***

T. Bailey asked for nominations for board chair. D. Whitcomb said P. Ingvaldstad has been chair for 6 years and has done a great job, but he thinks the position of chair should be passed around among members. He nominated W. Sander for chair. S. Reber nominated P. Ingvaldstad. Hearing no further nominations, T. Bailey closed the nominations. W. Sander said P. Ingvaldstad has done an excellent job, and he doesn't think every board member should necessarily be chair at some point. He said he was reluctant to run against P. Ingvaldstad. He doesn't see a need for change. P. Ingvaldstad said he appreciated where D. Whitcomb was coming from. An organization can become stale if the leadership is the same for too long. There are some things he would like to see the board do in the next year, like work on adherence to a calendar. But he could also help with that if he were vice chair.

**ACTION: B. Bailey moved to use paper ballots, seconded by D. Whitcomb, and the motion was passed.** There were 4 votes for W. Sander and 6 for P. Ingvaldstad. P. Ingvaldstad was elected board chair. He said for next year he would be in favor of recruiting a new chair.

B. Bailey nominated D. Whitcomb for vice chair, seconded by W. Sander. Hearing no further nominations:

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded that nominations cease, and that 1 unanimous ballot be cast for D. Whitcomb as vice chair, and the motion was passed.**

S. Reber nominated D. Osborn for clerk, seconded by D. Baker. Hearing no further nominations:

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded that nominations cease and that 1 unanimous ballot be cast for D. Osborn as clerk, and the motion was passed.**

S. Reber nominated P. Ingvaldstad, D. Osborn, and W. Sander as representatives to the LNSU Board, and the rest of the board as alternates, seconded by D. Whitcomb. Hearing no further nominations:

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded that nominations cease and that P. Ingvoldstad, D. Osborn, and W. Sander be unanimously elected as representatives to the LNSU Board, and all other board members be elected alternates, and the motion was passed.**

**ACTION: W. Sander moved that the board continue to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, except as changed due to circumstances, seconded by D. Whitcomb, and the motion was passed.**

It was agreed to meet as usual next week, unless it appears there won't be a quorum.

**3. *Life Skills Program Tour***

B. Schaffer introduced Jen Hulse, special education director, and Maureen Cooper, the life skills teacher. Everyone introduced themselves, then the board toured the new life skills center.

**4. *Discovery Team Presentation and Discussion***

Chris Miller gave a presentation on the Discovery program. It provides an opportunity for kids who have not achieved success at school to excel emotionally, socially, and academically in a smaller, more hands-on setting. The goal is for kids in the program to transition back to their traditional program after they have acquired the necessary academic and social skills.

There are 17 middle school students in the program. B. Penberthy asked, are they all boys? C. Miller said yes, but the program is not intended to be just for boys. One student has already achieved Phase 3 (completed transition back to a regular program), 9 are in Phase 2 (transitioning into some regular classes), and 6 are in Phase 1 (full time in the Discovery program.) W. Sander asked where these students were in elementary school. C. Hinds said some had 1:1's then. The elementary schools make recommendations about which students they think could benefit from Discovery. Without this program, many would require out of district placements at places such as Laraway. The high school Discovery team has 7 students – 4 in Phase 2 and 3 in Phase 3. They passed 43 out of 49 classes in the most recent marking period.

C. Miller showed a video in which two students transitioning out of the Discovery program talked about how Discovery had helped them and in which the MS Discovery team was shown winning the school spirit award. S. Reber asked how many staff are in the program. C. Miller said there is one lead teacher (Liam Callahan), 3 paras (including a grad student from Johnson State), C. Miller teaching social studies and providing guidance, and 1 other staff member. W. Sander asked if some kids who were sent out of district as elementary school students might go into Discovery. C. Miller and C. Hinds couldn't say if that had happened with any students yet, but it could happen. C. Hinds thanked the board for deciding 3 years ago to try this program.

5. *Consent Agenda Items (Approval of Minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Acceptance of Administration Reports)*

**ACTION: W. Sander moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D. Baker.** P. Ingvoldstad asked if there was anything in the minutes of the annual meeting that the board needed to keep in mind for the coming year. S. Reber said there were some questions about the order of articles in the warning, and some extra attention should probably be given to how the articles are worded for next year. D. Whitcomb said no taxpayers showed up at the Lake Region annual meeting, so we should be pleased with the turnout at our meeting. W. Sander said we could be proud of the margin by which the school budgets were passed. **The motion was passed.**

6. *Directors' Orders*

D. Osborn said she had already signed directors' orders for \$424,312.71 on March 7, in order to meet obligations. The breakdown was as follows: GMTCC Building \$294,121.54 (holding Kingdom Construction), \$10,046.01; VOC Building Trades \$2,610.22, \$5,744.66; Annual Report \$698.66; District #18 \$111,091.62. **ACTION: W. Sander moved to retroactively approve directors' orders in the amount of \$424,312.71 signed by D. Osborn on March 7, 2008, seconded by D. Whitcomb, and the motion was passed.**

7. *Administrative Action Items*

A. **Middle School**

C. Hindes asked the board to consider a motion to authorize him to secure a long term sub for Corey Rockwood, who is going on maternity leave.

**ACTION: W. Sander moved to authorize C. Hindes to hire a long-term sub for a period not to exceed 90 days, at a per diem daily rate equivalent to Bachelor's Step 1, if the board does not meet on March 18 (otherwise the matter will come before the board), and the motion was seconded.** W. Sander asked if he has someone in mind. C. Hindes said yes. **The motion was passed.**

B. **GMTCC**

J. Teegarden said John Sullivan, the adult ed coordinator passed away the Friday before last. He will be greatly missed. His wife has agreed to continue on with the spring program, contracted at an hourly rate.

**ACTION: W. Sander moved to commend John Sullivan for his service to the community, and to send a letter of commendation to his wife, and the motion was seconded. D. Whitcomb suggested the friendly amendment, which was accepted, that the board present John Sullivan's wife with a plaque.** The motion was passed.

J. Teegarden said there will be an open house at GMTCC on March 26 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. The governor will be here, and there will be a ribbon cutting and guest speakers. The building will be open for tours, and the culinary kids will provide hors d'oeuvres. Saturday, March 29, the building will be open to the public from 11-3. All staff will be here then.

**C. Central Office**

T. Bailey gave information about the School Community Advisory Network. It is an outshoot of the board the directors of the Safe Schools Healthy Students group founded when we had that grant. T. Bailey invited that group to stay on in an advisory capacity, looking at how to network with the community. There are about 20 people in the group, which meets quarterly. Around 10-12 usually attend each meeting. He listed some of the members.

The Sweeney House closing is scheduled for March 21, at the agreed-upon price the board voted on. Our attorney has asked that the board appoint an agent to sign the documents at the closing.

**ACTION: S. Reber moved to appoint Superintendent Terry Bailey to act as the board's agent at the closing for the Sweeney House sale, seconded by D. Whitcomb, and the motion was passed.**

**8. Committee Reports**

**A. Policy Committee**

The alcohol use waiver procedure is not yet ready for warning. J. Teegarden said he hasn't written a procedure yet.

**B. Committee Membership**

B. Penberthy will join the Policy Committee. D. Baker will come off the Personnel Committee, and B. Penberthy will replace her. D. Whitcomb said there should be more people on the Finance Committee.

**9. Review of Full Board Annual Calendar**

P. Ingvaldstad asked if D. Whitcomb could do a training on Robert's Rules of Order. D. Whitcomb said he would like to ask Dave Williams to do it. It will be scheduled for a meeting in April if Dave Williams is available.

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

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:18, and the motion was passed.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
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