

LAMOILLE UNION DISTRICT #18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
GMTCC COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

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

**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 – 5:32**
  - B. **Adopt the Agenda**  
**MOTION: W. Sander moved to adopt the proposed agenda, seconded by KR.** D. Osborn thought there had been an email from central office about something that needed to be added to the agenda, but no one could remember what it was. P. Ingvaldstad said 2 possible executive sessions would be required. **The motion to adopt the agenda with any necessary changes was passed.**
2. *Consent Agenda Items (Approval of Minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Acceptance of Administration Reports)*  
**MOTION: K. Roberts moved to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was seconded and passed.**
3. *Directors' Orders*  
**MOTION: D. Osborn moved to approve directors' orders in the amount of \$164,468.44, and the motion was seconded.** The amount for District #18 was \$148,268, with these major expenditures: First Student \$10,389.60; Lamoille Co. Sheriff's Dept. \$18,247.65; Lamoille Co. Mental Health \$9,166.67; Village of Hyde Park (electric) \$19,162.72. The amount for GMTCC Bldg. Project was \$16,200.22, with this major expenditure: Kingdom Construction (12/30/08) \$12,449.33.

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**The motion was passed.**

D. Osborn said the new way orders are presented includes a form she is supposed to sign saying she vouches that various things are true, e.g. that the items are all correctly coded and do not exceed the budget. She does not have enough information to vouch for those things, and does not feel comfortable signing the form. (*M. Frederick arrived at 5:39.*) M. Frederick will see if there can be a different signature form, or if central office can sign off on part of it. (*S. Reber arrived at 5:41.*)

4. *Administrative Action Items*  
**MOTION: K. Roberts moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter, inviting C. Hindes, B. Schaffer, and D. Taylor to remain, the motion was**

**seconded and passed, and the board entered executive session at 5:42.** The board consented out of session at 5:45.

**MOTION: K. Roberts moved to approve the requested family leave absence, allowing 52 days for maternity leave and including a transfer of leave days as requested by administration, and the motion was seconded and passed.**

**MOTION: K. Roberts moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter, inviting the superintendent and B. Schaffer to remain, seconded by W. Sander. The motion was passed, and the board entered executive session at 5:46.** The board consented out of session at 6:07.

5. *Committee Reports and Action Items*

A. **Policy Committee**

S. Hamlyn-Prescott said next month the policy and curriculum committee meetings need to trade places because of negotiations. The policy committee will meet on the first Tuesday.

B. **Cricket Hill Building Committee**

K. Roberts said the committee met today. They have a design and are working with GMTCC to do the construction. They have done preliminary budgeting and believe the project will come in at or below the amount of money available. They would like to move forward with permitting so they can get the design finalized and come to the board with a final budget. More information about the design will be provided at the next meeting.

C. **Finance Committee**

M. Frederick recommended that announced tuition for the upcoming school year be set at \$11,509 for Grades 7-12 and \$7,035 for GMTCC.

**MOTION: W. Sander moved to approve announced tuition rates for the upcoming school year of \$11,509 for Grades 7-12 and \$7,035 for GMTCC, seconded by S. Reber.** M. Frederick said last year's rates were \$11,271 for Grades 7-12 and \$6,831 for GMTCC. She said we can always charge less than the announced tuition, but can never charge more. **The motion was passed.**

M. Frederick distributed a draft of the annual report. The draft did not include new questions and answers, but she listed the questions she planned to include.

D. Baker asked, will this budget pass if the governor says we have to be level-funded? M. Frederick said this budget will not give a cost per pupil equal to last year's. But people she has heard from say the governor's proposals are unlikely to happen this year. D. Taylor said last week central office ran figures on what the proposed reductions would mean for our SU, and shared them with Susan Bartlett. She said some things the governor is recommending don't comply with state statute, and there is not much time to implement them, so probably not much will happen in the short term. W. Sander said there is a distinct possibility of catastrophic changes next year, but not much chance this year. S. Reber will talk to David Williams about being moderator at the annual meeting.

B. Schaffer said J. Laithe is going to come to the end of his term at the end of this semester. He suggested the board recognize J. Laithe's service at the next meeting.

S. Reber said the annual report and budget represent a lot of work, and thanked M. Frederick, M. Spaulding, administrators, and the finance committee for all their work.

**6. *Adjourn***

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 6:21, and the motion passed.**

Board members and interested administrators remained for a discussion on core beliefs facilitated by Winton Goodrich or the Vermont School Boards Association.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Donna E. Griffiths

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