

LAMOILLE UNION DISTRICT #18 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
GMTCC COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

Board members present: B. Bailey, D. Baker, J. Eisenhardt, S. Hamlyn-Prescott, P. Ingvoldstad, T. O'Hear, D. Osborn, S. Reber, K. Roberts, W. Sander, D. Whitcomb. Others: D. Taylor, B. Schaffer, C. Hindes, Lucy Burdick.

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 – 6:39

B. Adopt the Agenda

S. Reber said there should be one change to the agenda. J. Teegarden couldn't be here, so we need to postpone approval of the GMTCC action plan.

MOTION: D. Whitcomb moved to approve the agenda with that change, J. Eisenhardt seconded, and the motion was passed.

2. Consent Agenda Items (Approval of Minutes of the September 15 Meeting, Acceptance of Administration Reports)

MOTION: K. Roberts moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D. Whitcomb.

D. Whitcomb asked how many students there are in the high school. B. Schaffer said around 600, though it fluctuates. C. Hindes said middle school enrollment is about 270. D. Whitcomb said someone had asked him what the rating of this school is vs. North Country. D. Taylor said it depends on what is meant by the rating. D. Whitcomb said the person he spoke to had found information about North Country (NECAP scores, etc.) on the internet, but hadn't found any about LUHS. D. Taylor said there is information available on the internet about LUHS NECAP scores. She said D. Whitcomb can give the person her name and number. S. Reber said there's more to it than NECAPs. Facilities, etc. are also important. We have the tech center, for instance. S. Hamlyn-Prescott spoke about the financial impact of the extra-duty contracts included in the consent agenda. High School Newspaper doesn't currently exist, so there is an impact from adding that. The others are name changes or changes to a different club in the same grouping as a prior club. She asked B. Schaffer to do a budget adjustment for After School Supervisor. C. Hindes said none of his extra-duty contract changes have any financial impact. **The motion was passed.** B. Schaffer read the names of those who will be assigned each of the extra-duty contracts.

3. Directors' Orders:

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>9/11/09</i>	<i>\$179,200.58</i>
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MOTION: J. Eisenhardt moved to approve directors' orders as presented, and the motion was seconded. S. Hamlyn-Prescott said so far she has only gone through

the Sept. 11 orders, not those from the other 2 dates listed. But if she finds anything unusual, she will bring it back at the next meeting. **The motion was passed.**

4. ***Presentation from Practical Arts Department***

B. Schaffer introduced Lucy Burdick, head of the Practical Arts Department. She distributed a booklet with course descriptions for practical arts courses, and presented a slide show of student activities in the different classes. P. Ingvaldstad asked, if we were going to do something nice for mentors, could her class prepare something? She said yes, she would love to have projects like that for her students.

5. ***Administrative Reports and Action Items – Central Office***

D. Taylor said there will be an LNSU Executive Committee meeting on Oct. 13 at 6:00. There will be a meeting of the board negotiations council on Oct. 13 at 5:00, to discuss negotiation strategies. NECAPs are being given to grades 3-11. (*Lucy Burdick left at 7:03.*)

6. ***Committee Reports and Action Items***

A. **LNSU Board**

S. Reber said the board needs to elect an LNSU board rep to replace D. Osborn, who can no longer attend because she is taking a class. D. Whitcomb nominated P. Ingvaldstad.

MOTION: S. Hamlyn-Prescott moved that nominations cease and that the clerk be directed to cast 1 unanimous ballot for P. Ingvaldstad as LNSU board representative, seconded by D. Baker, and the motion was passed.

S. Reber said the LNSU board voted to adopt a carousel schedule, and this board needs to decide whether to reschedule its second monthly meeting to the carousel meeting night for the months when there will be carousel meetings (November, January, and March.) The carousel meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of those months. The Eden board is not changing its schedule to meet on those nights, but all the other boards are.

B. Penberthy noted that she, D. Whitcomb, and K. Roberts have dual board memberships which could cause conflicts if we meet at the same time as all the other boards. K. Roberts said the Hyde Park board hasn't committed one way or the other to holding their meetings on the carousel meeting night. They'll decide each month. She noted that it might be hard to cancel the meeting normally held on the 3rd Tuesday in January, because of the budget approval schedule.

MOTION: D. Osborn moved that in November, January, and March, the board not hold its meeting on the 3rd Tuesday, instead holding it on the 4th Monday, to coincide with the LNSU carousel meeting, seconded by P. Ingvaldstad. K. Roberts said we might want to maintain the 3rd Tuesday January meeting on the calendar. **The motion was passed, with 5 in favor and 4 opposed.**

MOTION: K. Roberts moved that the board schedule a special meeting on the 3rd Tuesday in January for the purpose of approving the budget for print. D. Whitcomb seconded, offering the friendly amendment, which

was accepted, that “if needed” be added. The motion was passed with P. Ingvoldstad opposed.

S. Hamlyn-Prescott asked, won't we have to reorganize before the 4th Monday in March? S. Reber said that is right, so we can't decide for sure on the schedule for March. The reorganized board is free to change its mind.

B. Curriculum Committee

P. Ingvoldstad said the committee heard a proposal to add a band class for freshmen, with band for the more advanced students being renamed to Wind Ensemble. There was also a proposal from the Social Studies department for a class called We the People, about the constitution. It would be for 10th-12th graders. S. Reber said it is connected with a statewide and national competition. There is a set of materials that has been created that a number of Vermont high schools are using. It would be a half-year course. D. Whitcomb asked, can we work in the state constitution also? B. Schaffer said there is a pre-set curriculum, but there is flexibility as to instruction. P. Ingvoldstad said the last new course proposal was for AP U.S. History. It would rotate every other year with AP World History. The board will be asked to vote on these proposals at the next meeting. B. Schaffer said he will include course descriptions in the consent agenda. D. Whitcomb said he has 17 volumes of the founding fathers telling about the constitution, which the school can borrow.

C. Cricket Hill Building Committee

D. Whitcomb said the driveway for the new building will be dangerous. It is hard to see when coming out of the driveway. K. Roberts said we can talk to the town about signage, and maybe install a mirror.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items and Adjourn

A. Future Agenda Items

P. Ingvoldstad said he would like to speak to the board about mentoring.

K. Roberts said at the next meeting, someone might want to give a brief report about the VSBA annual meeting.

B. Adjourn

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:23, and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Donna E. Griffiths

Actions taken at the LU District #18 Board Meeting 10/6/09:

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