

Lempster School District
School Board Meeting~Tuesday, December 5, 2023
5:00 PM
Lempster Community School Library
Approved Meeting Minutes

Present-Board members: Jillian Thomas, Rachel Tirrell, Jessica Hooper (arrived 5:30) and Bruce Cragin
Superintendent/Director of Student Services: Jim Lewis
Principal: Ralph Peterson
Absent board member: Kelly Caron

Call to order

J. Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by vice chair Jillian Thomas.

Agenda Adjustments

J. Thomas

No adjustments

Review of minutes from (11.14.23)

Board

Bruce Cragin made a motion to approve the amended minutes of 11.14.23, second by Jillian Thomas. All were in favor, with Rachel Tirrell abstaining.

Public comment: no one from the public was present

Administrative reports

J. Lewis

Webpage

J. Lewis

The updated page is live and Mr. Lewis provided a demonstration, however we need to iron out some possible security related issues on certain browsers.

Negotiations

K. Caron, J. Hooper, J. Lewis

The next negotiation meeting will take place on December 19th.

Policies

Policy Committee

First readings of policies AA, ACD, BA and BAA were done by the policy committee and the board reviewed the policies in the meeting and *Rachel Tirrell made a motion to adopt policies AA- School District Legal Status, ACD-Commitment To Religious Neutrality, BA-School Board Self Evaluation and Goal Setting and BAAA-School Board Policies and Administrative Procedures, with legal references and formatting done, second by Bruce Cragin, all were in favor.*

Bus Update

R. Peterson

One of the buses is currently being serviced at this time. We have a person interested in becoming a bus driver, so that is being pursued. Also, the option of another van purchase is still being considered.

Sports

R. Peterson

The girls basketball team is hanging by a thread as most of the girls want to do cheerleading. Our boys basketball team is being supplemented with Unity players. It was discussed having our cheerleaders perform at sporting events at Fall Mountain or at our assemblies.

Mr. Peterson also went on to mention that we will have the most ambitious Christmas concert in the history of the school on December 20th. There will be a breakfast for dinner, Santa, photo ops and for the concert all of the students will be doing a number of different songs, musical numbers, combined instruments and singing. Mr. Peterson emphasized what a talented musician Mr. McNicholas is. It was suggested that we turn the lights down and have some trees and some mood lighting to make it cozier.

Solar

J. Lewis

The batteries are massive and are located in the old SAU building and next up is the official inspection which will be performed by a solar regulatory inspector of the state. After that, we will go live!!

Monthly Building Needs Update

J. Lewis

The heat seems to be working well, consistently better than last year.
Fire inspection will be happening in the near future.

Five year plan for maintenance

J. Lewis

The newest plan was shared with the board, with additional items to be added, as necessary. Painting of the restrooms was one item brought up at the meeting.

It was also suggested that the recent grant for security, which will be used for doors, also be used for security lighting outside.

Finances

J. Lewis

The manifests were reviewed and signed by the board

The Mount Royal Representative is not available until January

Board

State Finance reports

J. Lewis

The DOE 25 form is nearing completion, it has been difficult to obtain the needed paperwork, the numbers should be submitted to the state soon. The public will be informed at that time.

Budget

J. Lewis

Each board member was provided with a budget notebook. The latest budget concerns are SPED, insurance costs, ESSER grant money is ending, The budget meeting is 12.19.23.

Agenda Building

J. Thomas

Web page, negotiations, policies, solar, security, fire insurance, Mt. Royal, budget, bus, sports, manifests, Maintenance plan

Time and Place of next meeting

J. Thomas

The next meeting (work session) will be held off site at Bubba's in Newbury on Monday, December 18 at 5:30pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 5pm.

*Rachel Tirrell made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 11c at 6:10, second by Jessica Hooper.
Roll call; Jillian-yes, Bruce-yes, Rachel-yes, Jessica-yes*

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lichy
Board Secretary