

**Lempster School District  
School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023  
Lempster Community School Library  
Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Present-Board members:** Kelly Caron, Jessica Hooper, and Bruce Cragin  
**Superintendent/Director of Student Services:** Jim Lewis  
**Absent Principal:** Ralph Peterson  
**Absent Board members:** Jillian Thomas and Rachel Tirrell

**Call to order**

**K. Caron**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by chair, Ms. Caron.

**Review of minutes from (6.6.23)**

**Board**

*Jessica Hooper made a motion to approve the draft minutes of 6.6.23, with corrections, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor.*

**Review of Nonpublic Minutes (6.6.23 and 7.18.23)**

**Board**

*Jessica Hooper made a motion to approve the draft non-public minutes of 6.6.23, as presented, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor.*

*Jessica Hooper made a motion to approve the draft non-public minutes of 7.18.23, as presented, second by Bruce Cragin. All were in favor, with Kelly Caron abstaining.*

**Public comment (limited to 30 minutes)**

Selena Leite was present and she stated that as her son will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader this coming fall, she is looking into high schools and is wondering if the district would allow him to tuition out to Mount Royal Academy. Mr. Lewis and the board explained to her that this had been researched in the past and that the school district attorney has advised against us entering an agreement. The board agreed to share this information with Ms. Leite. The board also suggested that she approach Mount Royal to research this option. It was also suggested that she visit each high school in the area.

**Administrative reports**

**J. Lewis**

Summer Academy was reviewed by Mr. Lewis where there was a focus on math skills, which showed improvement. The average number of students was 30 and the students were focused on social, academics and healthy meals. The meals were provided by GotLunch! Newport. The trip was funded by a Beyond Schools grant!

**Webpage progress**

**J. Lewis**

Mr. Lewis presented an updated impressive draft vision of the webpage to the board. The website contains sites and bios for each teacher and classroom. Mr. McNicholas is assisting with this project. The project will go live shortly after the school year starts.

**Instructional Configuration**

**J. Lewis**

The middle school specific class configuration will be adjusted this year in hopes that test scores will improve. There will be the same teacher for each subject grades 5-8, so that the teacher and student will be able to remain together for those 3 years. Mrs. Burdick will teach Math, Mrs.

Tremblay will teach ELA, Ms. Fritz will teach Social Studies and Mrs. Pare will teach Science, along with two days with Mr. Lyons.

The board consensus was that this should improve test scores and they look forward to seeing the results.

**Staffing Updates**

**J. Lewis**

Will be discussed in non-public session

**Solar update**

**J. Lewis**

The six towers are in and the power cables still need to be hooked up. The plan is to have an event when the switch is turned on, perhaps the end of August to coincide with our, start of school, cook out.

**2023-2024 Proposed Goals Introduction**

**J. Lewis**

The board was provided with a list of the proposed goals. Each of the eleven goals was reviewed and discussed with the rationale of how each goal would be reached.

**Monthly Building needs maintenance update**

**J. Lewis**

The asbestos has been totally abated. The rooms have been painted and will be tiled soon. The old SAU building has been painted. The parking lot will be repainted. Some plants will be added to either side of the main entrance in the next week or two.

The town will be contacted to see if the area behind the school can be graded before the car show on August 11.

**Finances**

**J. Lewis**

The manifests were reviewed and signed by the board.

**Other items**

**Board**

The November meeting will be moved to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

The buses have been ordered and we are waiting for further notice on their arrival.

Back to school BBQ on August 29<sup>th</sup>

**Agenda Building**

**K. Caron**

Welcome back, solar update, staff, goals, para contract intro, buses, policies

**Time and Place of next meeting**

**K. Caron**

The next meeting will be the board retreat on Tuesday, August 22<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Bubba's restaurant.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

*Jessica Hooper made a motion to go into nonpublic RSA 91-A:3 IIc at 6:06pm, second by Bruce Cragin.*

*Roll Call-Kelly yes, Jessica yes, Bruce yes*

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Lichty Board Secretary