

Public Information Session
Landaff School Board
Landaff, NH
1-2-25
7:00PM

Present: Present: Head Teacher Molly Culver, School Board Vice Chair John Barth, School Board Chair Matt Copithorne, School Board Member Michelle Beaudin, Landaff School Board Clerk/Secretary Jennifer L. Cartwright, Superintendent Kate Segal.

Call to order: Matthew called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.
The board and staff members were introduced.

Matt explained the tuition situation; there is no agreement with Lisbon; the board is exploring other tuition options; there will be two more budget meetings in January and February ; tuition is to be year-by-year for Lisbon and possibly other towns; Michelle explained the history of our tuition situation at this time; Matt continued to discuss the tuition situation.

Q: What is the rate at Lisbon? Are there plans to bring back grades to blue school? R: The rate is \$19,000.00 and there is a discussion about having more grades at the Blue School.

Q: Clarify the Bath school system-what grades. R: There may be up to grades 7 or 8.

Q: Will there be transportation? R: There will be transportation to Bath which cost could possibly be shared.

Q: What was the cost per student with Lisbon in the past? R: \$15,000.00 for elementary students, \$17,000.00 for middle school students, and \$18,000.00 for high school students.

Q: How receptive are other schools to receiving our students? R: All are receptive.

Q: How much do we pay for running the Blue School for a year? R: \$1.1million dollars.

Q: How much would it cost to send all Landaff students to Lisbon? R: \$1.4million dollars.

Q: How are you going to deal with different SAU's? R: Landaff will be invited to the Bath board and be included in discussions, as well as, Woodsville. The other SAU's will not send their costs to Landaff.

Q: Has the board talked to Littleton? R: No.

Q: Is the voucher system still in place? R: Yes.

Q: What happens if Lisbon changes their minds about the tuition rate in a couple of months? R: There is no protection against a change in tuition rate at Lisbon.

Q: Did Bath give a head count for preschool? R: No.

Q: Our students are inbedded with Lisbon, can they still have that interaction? R: Yes.

Q: Will there be a problem a school being selective about who they choose to accept? R: If school agrees accepts students, then they have to take any of the students.

Q: Is this a year to year agreement with Bath? R: It would be a 5 year agreement.

Q: Is the no contract with Lisbon because they are going into their own SAU? R: Don't know.

Q: How do the different schools compare to each other? R: Sam Natti answered the question with changes that have been positive at the Lisbon school.

Lisbon school board member: Clarified the contract situation.

Q: What was the figure for the reduction with a contract? R: It was 5%.

Q: How long has Landaff had a choice system? R: Since 2004.

Q: Has the board thought about going back? R: There would be no savings.

Q: How do you determine how much you pay for student to go to another school? R: Landaff pays whatever the tuition rate is in Lisbon and then the parents pay the rest.

John discussed keeping 4th grade and why; brought Lisbon school board members to discuss this and they said that one or two students did not make much of a difference; discussed keeping more grades at the blue school.

Q: Would a student at Lisbon be pulled out of Lisbon to go to Bath? R: No.

Q: Will Bath provide specials? R: Yes.

Q: How do you handle transportation? R: Landaff will provide transportation to Lisbon.

Q: I would like to hear more about curriculum and how well our students have done in Lisbon.

Q: How is Lisbon paid for specials and special education? R: The sending district is responsible for special education.

Q: Is the money going to the sau? R: Sam answered about the special education money being paid extra for a para professional, etc., but not a reading group, etc.

Q: Is one of the reason for no contract with Lisbon because of special education students? R: No.

Dale Locke explained some of the history of contracts with Lisbon.

Q: Do parents have a right to send students anywhere they want in general? R: No, except Landaff has choice.

Q: What are Lafayette and Profile tuition costs? R: Lafayette is \$17,000.00 and Profile is \$19,000.00; Profile is open to a long term agreement.

Q: If there is a 5 year contract will this account for cost of living? R: Yes.

Q: Will students be forced to go to different schools? R: No, because of choice.

Q: Are Lafayette and Profile sticking with their tuition numbers? R: Yes.

Q: What are the options right now? R: That information will be in the budget hearing.

Q: Could board find out what is offered in all the schools?

Q: Why are students leaving Lisbon to go other schools? R: There are many reasons such as home schooling.