

Landaff School Board
Landaff Town Hall
Board Meeting at 5:00 pm

DATE: March 11th, 2024

Present: Chair John Barth, Vice Chair Matthew Copithorne, Board Member Meg Hamilton (5:33 pm), Head Teacher Molly Culver (5:18 pm), Superintendent Kate Segal, Business Manager Toni Butterfield (5:24 pm), Interim Clerk Rhiannon Copithorne

I. Call to Order

CHAIR JOHN BARTH CALLED THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION MADE BY MATTHEW COPITHORNE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12TH 2024, PUBLIC MEETING, SECONDED BY JOHN BARTH. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MATTHEW COPITHORNE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NON PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12TH 2024, SECONDED BY JOHN BARTH. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MATTHEW COPITHORNE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BUDGET HEARING HELD ON FEBRUARY 12TH 2024, SECONDED BY JOHN BARTH. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Public Input - None

V. New Business

Discussion with Lisbon

There was a discussion about inviting the Lisbon Board to attend one of Landaff's monthly meetings, either April or May. Toni requested doing it in May so that they can use the April meeting to prepare, Matthew suggested that they do that in Non Public. John will reach out to Bob Adams (Lisbon Board Chair) to invite them and let him know that they will be discussing plans for looking at the tuition agreement.

A discussion ensued about Lisbon School and public opinion as expressed at the budget hearing as well as tuition and school choice. John has communicated with Bob Adams about the comments made at the Landaff Budget Hearing and informed him that all the comments came from the public

not the board. John expressed a need to continue discussions with Lisbon, Profile and the other schools that we tuition out to. Matthew voiced concern over the profound lack of understanding about the impact that Special Education has on cost. Regarding tuition, questions were raised about what tuition should be and how it is calculated. Toni is working with a finance person at NHED who is going to look at how tuition is calculated. Meg commented that the Lisbon tiered agreement has been around for a long time however it has also been a long time since Landaff has hit the 95% to receive the discount. Kate has concerns about each school setting it's own tuition. Toni believes that if there is an agreement with Lisbon then Profile and Lafayette would match it. Matthew stated that the voters of Landaff have voted for school choice so the board would have to bring it back to the town to make any changes to it.

Molly mentioned that Bath is looking at holding on to 7th Grade. John asked when there was 6th Grade at Blue School. Molly responded in the 90s but there were too many children to handle at the Blue School. John questioned whether two years from now they should expand grades if there are two certified teachers at the Blue School.

VI. Continuing Business

1. Review of Federal Grants Funds

It was decided that going forward this item should be included in the Head Teacher Report each month.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Head Teacher – Monthly Report

There was a review of the grant activity.

Molly offered to provide a professional development update once she finishes her courses however Matthew didn't believe this was needed as long as Molly is current she only needs to let the board know if she is unable to achieve what is necessary.

Molly provided a copy of assessment results from Aimsweb and confirmed that next year Preschool will be included.

B. Superintendent

1. Principal Formative Evaluation

It was decided to move this item to next month.

2. 306s Update

They are expected to present in April on this.

3. Classroom Visits

Kate stated that at the E board meeting a template was discussed but she is unsure what information this board wants to see, do they want to know what is discussed in the monthly meetings, would they like the links for legislature.

John confirmed that this gives the board a viewpoint of what is being done. We all (3 board members) get updates from NHSB, so he would want Kate to highlight if there is something that they need to do or know. Matthew added that he would like to see bullet points about the monthly central meetings but for Kate to be ready to talk to those points.

C. Business Manager

1. Budget to Actual Report

Expected ending balance of \$200k, \$100k to give back to taxpayers.

It was noted that Bridges are coming in less than previous provider. Matthew wants everyone to be aware of the amount of time that it takes them to complete a contract so the process should be started soon especially if there will be a need for them during summer school.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Board (JB)

There were discussions about the Superintendents' Report.

B. Budget (MC) – None

C. Policy Handbook (MH)

The policy committee met and have some policies to bring to the board however they missed the deadline for getting stuff to Karen for this meeting so they are loaded ready for next month.

IX. Staffing Notifications & Approvals - None

X. Non Public Session as per RSA 91A:3. I, II, if needed

XI. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY MATTHEW COPITHORNE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:35 PM, SECONDED BY MEG HAMILTON. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting: April 16th, 2024

Notice is hereby made that public comment shall be made without expectation of a response by any School Board member to matters raised by such commentary. The Board will not hear personal complaints about school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system. The expectation of all in attendance is to conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Board respects the right of the public to communicate its stance of matters of interest, but meetings are scheduled in advance to conduct business put forth on its publicly posted agenda only.