

Present: Chair Matthew Copithorne, Vice Chair John Barth, Board Member Michelle Beaudin, Head Teacher Molly Culver, Superintendent Kate Segal (left at 7:09), Business Administrator Toni Butterfield, Interim Clerk Rhiannon Copithorne

I. Call to Order

CHAIR MATTHEW COPITHORNE CALLED THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:39 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited

III. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 3RD 2024, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NON-PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 3RD 2024, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 23RD 2024, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE TWO SPECIAL NON-PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 23RD 2024, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Public Input - None

V. New Business

1. February Budget Hearing and March Annual Meeting Dates Discussion

Discussion ensued about the order of the hearing and board meeting in February, a decision was made to hold the board meeting first at 5:30 pm with the hearing to follow at 7:00 pm. Kate will inform Karen of this change.

2. Tuition Rate Discussion

Discussion regarding the tuition rate to be charged to the sending district (in this case Claremont). The tuition rate was set back in April at \$8,640 per year.

Regarding tuition agreements, Lisbon is unable to meet before December and has stated they do not want to renew their tuition agreement with Landaff which is set to expire in June 2025. Lafayette has set their tuition rate at \$17,000. Bath would like to explore accepting Landaff students. Next steps would be to have a board meeting with Bath's board to discuss further. Bath would love to work with Landaff and they have a need for preschool. They are also willing to explore providing services such as PE and Music either at Bath or Landaff, these services are currently provided by Lisbon. Transportation is another consideration.

Another potential impact would be if the town of Lisbon votes to withdraw from SAU 35 at the annual meeting, then it would happen for school year 26-27.

It was noted that as a board they need to listen and pay attention to the fact that many Landaff students that go to Lisbon later transfer out. Landaff has choice and this should be honored. Should choice be expanded to include Bath?

Matthew stated that this was not proactive, it was reactionary after Lisbon made their decisions.

Communication with the town is very important and needs to be done correctly. A letter to update the town about this situation will be sent out after Thanksgiving, then a public hearing will be held on January 2nd after the board meeting at the town hall.

Special meeting at 5:30 pm on November 22 to draft the letter to the town.

VI. Continuing Business

1. Review of Federal Grants Funds

This item was tabled and will be discussed at the monthly finance meeting.

2. Speed Limit Near School Discussion

Molly forwarded an email to the whole board with the next steps, John will take point on this.

VII. Policy Handbook

1. ACN – Nursing Mothers Accommodation – for review

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO ACCEPT POLICY ACN AS WRITTEN 1ST, 2ND AND ADOPTION, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities – for review

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MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO ACCEPT POLICY JI AS WRITTEN 1ST, 2ND AND ADOPTION, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. JLDB – Suicide Prevention and Responsibilities – for review

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO ACCEPT POLICY JLDB AS WRITTEN 1ST, 2ND AND ADOPTION, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. Standing Reports

The following reports were tabled until the next board meeting.

A. Head Teacher – Monthly Report

B. Superintendent – Landaff Blue School SAU 35 Superintendent’s Report

C. Business Manager

VIII. Committee Reports

The following items were tabled until the next board meeting.

A. Executive Board (MC)

B. Budget (MC)

IX. Staffing Notifications & Approvals - None

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

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC SESSION, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. BY ROLL CALL. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC AT 8:38 PM.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN BARTH TO LEAVE NON-PUBLIC SESSION, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. BY ROLL CALL. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC AT 8:55 PM.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY MATTHEW COPITHORNE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 PM, SECONDED BY MICHELLE BEAUDIN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting: December 4th, 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.