

**Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union District Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
April 22, 2019**

Members Present: Belvidere: Randy Katon; Cambridge: Bill Sander, Jan Sander, Mark Stebbins, Laura Miller, Bernard Barnes; Eden: David Whitcomb; Hyde Park: Lisa Barry, Chasity Fagnant, Tina Lowe, Patti Hayford; Johnson: Katie Orost, Bobbie Moulton, Mark Nielsen, Angela Lamell; Waterville: Bart Bezio (on the phone)

Board Members Absent: Cambridge: Sue Prescott; Eden: Jeff Hunsberger

Others Present: Catherine Gallagher, Deborah Clark, Janet Murray, Jade Hazard, Jeremy Scannell, Brian Pena, Wendy Savery, Sherry Lussier, Dana Jewett, Jennifer Hulse, Charleen McFarlane, Dylan Laflam, Melinda Mascolino, Mary Anderson, Chris Damato, Galen Rose, Maggie McGee, Allen Audette, Lauren Philie, Tommy Gardner

Minute Taker: Sue Trainor

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment: Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Bond Discussion and Building Tour item was moved to the end of the meeting. B. Sander made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Orost. The motion passed unanimously.

As part of the Public Comment, Lauren Philie, resident of Johnson, introduced herself to the Board. She was running for the open Johnson representative seat on the Board. Philie had two children in the school system and currently worked at NVU-Johnson. Allen Audette, a resident of Johnson, then introduced himself to the Board. He was also running for the open Johnson representative seat on the Board. Gallagher introduced Erik Remmers, the new Director of the GMTCC, to the Board. Gallagher then informed the Board that Chair Whitcomb was turning 80 this week. B. Sander informed the Board there would be a meeting at the Hyde Park Town Clerk's Office on May 6th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the opioid crisis and vaping. The State's Attorney would be attending the meeting. Sander encouraged Board members to attend.

LNSU/LN MUUSD Routine Business: Consent Agenda Items

Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Meeting and Minutes from any Committee Meetings: J. Sander made a motion, seconded by B. Sander, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Orders: Miller made a motion to accept the Board Orders, seconded by B. Sander. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on In-District Transfer Applications: Gallagher reported the deadline for in-district transfer applications had been April 15th. There were five new requests. All of last year's participants in the in-district transfer program were staying in the receiving schools. The new requests were from students at Eden and Johnson, and all five were requesting to attend Hyde Park Elementary School. Diane Reilly had stated that those children could be easily absorbed.

Committee Updates: Finance and Capital Committee: Stebbins reported the Committee had met last week and would be bringing the bond discussion to the full Board at the next Board meeting.

Curriculum Committee: Fagnant reported the item they were working on was making sure students were on target for graduation this year. Hazard and Schaffer would be at the next meeting to report on how to help students meet the graduation requirements. B. Sander was elected Chair of the Committee. Meetings would take place on the second Board meeting of the month. B. Sander was concerned about students being left by the wayside with the new graduation requirements. Miller stated the information they had received were on 2020 graduates, so they still had time to meet the requirements. Hazard stated there was a clear plan in place for those students who needed assistance.

Personnel: Approve JES 6th Grade Teacher Hire: McFarlane stated the recommendation was to hire Victoria Barrows, a St. Michael's graduate who was completing her student teaching at Williston Central

School and on her way to licensure. The recommendation was to hire her at the new base rate of \$40,000. Gallagher stated she had interviewed Barrows and was impressed with Barrows' classroom management and ability to engage the sixth graders. Nielsen made a motion, seconded by Moulton, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously, with Cambridge members abstaining from the vote.

Minute-Taker Pay Rate: Gallagher explained that both Donna Griffiths and Sue Trainor had been paid \$65 a meeting for perhaps a decade. This payment was for time spent both attending the meetings and transcribing the minutes. Michele Aumand called other districts and found that the prices varied from \$125 a meeting to \$25 an hour. Gallagher recommended increasing the payment amount to \$100 a meeting, which would include the two hour meetings and between three and four hours of transcription time. This would cost an additional \$700 a year. B. Sander made a motion, seconded by Moulton, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilities: Release of Capital Reserve Funds for Repair of Steamer in the LU Kitchen: Laflam explained that the steamer in the Lamoille Union kitchen boiler had sprung a leak and was not usable. This was a \$24,000 piece of equipment and the estimate for a repair would be approximately \$10,000. \$10,000 was not available in the equipment repair budget, so Laflam asked the Board to approve the use of capital reserve funds to pay for the repair. Clark explained that the Board had previously approved the purchase of a tilt skillet and she wanted the Board to know this was not the same piece of equipment. B. Sander asked how old the steamer was and Laflam said it was from 1968. However, he had been told that the unit was far better than newer units, so a repair would probably last another 30 to 40 years. B. Sander made a motion to approve the use of Lamoille Union Capital Reserve Funds to pay for the repair. Barry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

LNSU/LNMUUSD End-of-Year Teacher Appreciation: Gallagher noted that historically there had been an end-of-year barbeque for teachers, but last year each building had their own teacher appreciation event. Barry stated she was on the committee that had discussed this last year. She explained that Michele Aumand had spoken with each administrator to determine what type of event they wanted and then helped the individual schools with their event. Gallagher stated she would have Aumand replicate what was done last year.

Central Office Report: Gallagher began by congratulating Maggie McGee for being named to the 2018-2019 Division 2 All-State Nordic Team. The Supervisory Union Wellness Committee had met. The Committee included student representatives, one of whom was a third grade Hyde Park student who provided great ideas on how to encourage children to participate in sports. Ideas from the Committee would be brought to the end-of-year Administrative Council Retreat to discuss with principals whether some of the ideas could be introduced at the elementary school. Gallagher stated there had been three youth mental health first aid trainings and now all administrators would be trained at a summer retreat. Any Board members and adults from any of the school buildings could participate. This class would help adults see things that might be of concern in other adults. Gallagher then informed the Board that Karyl Kent had provided a lengthy narrative about what they were doing in the food services and nutrition industry. There were now local food options on all school menus. Talks were taking place on merging the school farm to table nutrition discussions with field trips to Robtoy Farm. A successful celebration had been held at Hyde Park Elementary School following a recent farm to school table event. Finally, Gallagher stated that Girls on the Run now existed in all but one of the elementary schools.

Elementary Principal Reports:

Cambridge: Anderson informed the Board that the 5th grade students had participated in the STARBASE Program at the Air National Guard base at the airport. Students took lessons in areas such as physics and aerodynamics, and then built rockets. Teachers from STARBASE came to the school today as students shot their rockets. Anderson stated students would begin the SBAC testing soon and teachers would begin next year's placement process.

Eden: Mascolino explained that as part of a CLiF Grant, author Jan Reynolds reviewed the culture of the school with students from each grade. Culture encompassed food, clothing, shelter, learning environment, etc. Students compiled a book about The Culture of Eden Central School and Mascolino passed around a copy of the book. SBAC testing would begin tomorrow for 5th and 6th graders. Pre-school screening had taken place today. Mascolino reported that the team performing the space use assessment had been to the school prior to vacation.

Middle School/High School Principal Reports/GMTCC Director Report

Middle School: Savery reported they were finishing the SBAC testing this week. They were getting ready for the science and PE assessments, as well as placement. The middle school play that had been performed the week before break was very successful.

High School: Maggie McGee informed the Board that a poetry slam would be held on Thursday. Some of the Hyde Park Elementary School students would be coming to that performance. Student Council had been volunteering. SBAC testing was taking place. Galen Rose reported that the YATST group was considering doing an activity with students to take the pulse of the proficiency-based system. Jewett then stated he was working on student schedules. Students had submitted specific class and teacher requests and Jewett was working on honoring those requests. The results were close to being rolled out and Jewett was pleased that he had been able to fill 97% of the requests.

GMTCC: Lussier reported that GlobalFoundries had made a presentation to the students at the Tech Center. The company had developed an apprenticeship program for students just out of high school. The company would pay for their tuition to a college, pay a starting wage of \$18.50 an hour, and after three years of apprenticeship the employee would be paid \$26 an hour. Last week the LNA students tested for the LNA license. All of the students passed the written test and all but two of the students passed the skills test. Lussier was sure those two would retake and pass the test. There would be a Demo Day on Thursday, with 150 8th graders coming from Peoples Academy, Hazen Union and Craftsbury. Students would spend twenty minutes with each program. Lussier then reported on the results of Skills USA. Almost fifty students from GMTCC competed at the state level. Lussier then provided details on the students who won awards. B. Sander shared several of his concerns about GlobalFoundries.

Bond Discussion: Laflam informed the Board that he was asked to take the CEC out of the bond project and to review an earlier project, which was a performing arts space to be attached between the auditorium and the band room. An item that was just discovered to need repair was the Supervisory Union building. The building trades program had built this building in the 1980's. There were now some serious structural issues on the second floor and the center of the building was beginning to sag. A structural engineer would be in this week to look at the situation. There were also some indoor air quality issues with the building. Laflam may need to talk with the Board about building a new Central Office. There was a site that had been prepped for a building directly across the street. Clark explained that the Finance Committee had hoped to come to this Board meeting to make a decision on the bond so they could warn the bond vote. However, they discovered these structural concerns between the Finance Committee meeting and the Board meeting. A few weeks were needed to assess the situation. The Supervisory Union rented the building from the MUUSD. Laflam noted that a year before he was hired there were preliminary plans developed for a new Central Office but the matter was ultimately tabled. B. Sander asked if a structure would impinge on the leach fields. Laflam stated it would not. There was a 60x90 foot area that was ready to dig and pour slab. B. Sander talked about the septic system and Laflam stated several years ago he had gathered all the information for the septic system.

Whitcomb explained that a tour of the building would take place following the adjournment of the meeting. The tour would provide Board members with information on the bond items being requested.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: Moulton made a motion, seconded by B. Sander, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.