

**Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union District Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
April 8, 2019**

Members Present: Belvidere: Randy Katon; Cambridge: Bill Sander, Jan Sander, Laura Miller, Bernard Barnes, Sue Prescott (arrived at 6:38 p.m.); Eden: Jeff Hunsberger; Hyde Park: Lisa Barry, Tina Lowe, Chasity Fagnant; Johnson: Katie Orost, Mark Nielsen, Angela Lamell; Waterville: Bart Bezio

Members Absent: Cambridge: Mark Stebbins; Eden: David Whitcomb; Hyde Park: Patti Hayford; Johnson: Bobbi Moulton

Others Present: Catherine Gallagher, Charleen McFarlane, Michele Aumand, Janet Murray, Brian Schaffer, Wendy Savery, Diane Reilly, Sherry Lussier, Melinda Mascolino, Jan Epstein, Mary Anderson, David Manning, Galen Reese, Maggie McGee

Minute Taker: Sue Trainor

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment: Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Gallagher introduced two student representatives to the Board. Chair Nielsen then called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Facilities agenda item was removed from the agenda. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Barry, to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

LNSU/LNMUUSD Routine Business: Consent Agenda Items

Minutes of the March 25, 2019, Meeting and Minutes from all Committee Meetings: J. Sander made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Orost. J. Sander noted a dollar amount under the Tilting Skillet Purchase item needed to be changed. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Approve Acceptance of Federal Funds and Subgrant Agreements and Assign Agent(s) for Financial Matters: Aumand read a statement from Deb Clark, which stated that each year federal grants came into the Supervisory Union and were distributed through subgrant agreements. Aumand asked for a motion to accept federal funds, to execute subgrant agreements with member districts and to assign agents (superintendent, business manager or other central office personnel) for fiscal matters. Orost made the motion, seconded by Hunsberger. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates: Nielsen reported that Mark Stebbins had been elected Chair of the Finance/Budget/Bond/Facilities/Technology Committee. Committee members would be taking a tour of the areas involved in the bond issue. Orost reported the Personnel Committee had hired the Tech Center Director. J. Sander stated the Safety and Wellness Committee had met with Brian Schaffer. Schaffer had updated the Committee on the status of vaping and the problems it created in the school community, as well as the fact that usage was increasing rapidly.

Personnel: GMTCC – Internal Transfer from LUHS to GMTCC: Lussier reported that Doug Boardman would be an internal transfer from the High School to the Tech Center. Boardman would be teaching English as part of the full day program.

Central Office Report: Gallagher informed the Board that Sherry Lussier had been nominated as Tech Director of the Year. Lussier would be honored at the Stoweflake in August.

Gallagher then reported there had been three very successful youth mental health first aid trainings, with the last one to be held on May 21st. There had been requests for adult mental health first aid training and Gallagher would be looking into that. Hunsberger said they could accommodate the request. Gallagher

noted that there had been concerns from some of the adults working with those students who experienced trauma every day and Gallagher wanted to support those adults as well. Gallagher then stated they had received four letters of interest for the open Johnson Board position. May 6th was the next Johnson Selectboard meeting and representatives from the School Board would be in attendance. The Chair of the Selectboard would then attend the May 13th School Board meeting, at which time a new member would be appointed.

The Board retreat would be held on August 12th at the Northern Vermont University Conference Room. Rules and responsibilities would be reviewed and goals and action items developed. There had been some requests to have Selectboard members attend the training on Board goals and responsibilities. There did seem to be some overlap and Gallagher was considering the request.

April 15th was the deadline for in-district transfers and four requests had been received so far. Those who had requested a transfer last year had chosen to remain at the schools to which they had transferred. Gallagher would meet with the principals on April 16th and she thought they would likely be able to accommodate the requests.

The Tech Center had hired Erik Remmers. Remmers was the current principal at Enosburg Falls High School and he had been an active middle and high school principal since 2003. Gallagher stated he would be a wonderful addition and would attend one of the May meetings to meet the Board.

Elementary Principal Reports:

Belvidere/Waterville: Epstein stated she was compiling data for the CRDC report. The leadership team was working on scheduling for next year and updating behavior rubrics to include some restorative practices. The VSO visited the school and the school's spring concert was coming up on Wednesday. The Al's Pals training had been completed, which was a great piece to add to the curriculum.

Cambridge: Anderson reported that it was literacy week at the school and they had held a pep rally to kick off the event. Students from the Varsity Club of the High School participated in the event. The annual musical was held last week. Anderson noted that several teachers were leaving to work elsewhere and two teachers were retiring, so they were busy hiring replacements. Cambridge History Night would be held this Thursday.

Eden: Mascolino reported she had met with the leadership team last week and they had produced a schedule for next year. There would be a celebration of student work this Thursday. Mascolino noted they had developed a six-week action plan to bring students forward on their literacy.

Hyde Park: Reilly stated the school currently had an Artist in Residence who had a specialty in ceramics. Each student and staff member was making a ceramic tile in order to create a mosaic of the façade of the historical part of the building. Hyde Park only had one position to fill, which was a one-year music sub. The Kindergarten Mingle would take place on April 25th. This event allowed parents to register for kindergarten and to meet the early childhood educators, while students could play games and meet other children.

Johnson: Manning reported on the partnership he was working on with Community Health Systems of Lamoille Valley. The current plan was to have a health clinic in the village of Johnson and to send health care practitioners on a rotating basis to the school at the end of the school day. Annual well-child visits, immunizations, and dental checkups would be provided. Manning was working with Dylan Laflam to determine the costs of creating an internal clinic. Manning reported that he had conducted interviews for the Assistant Director position at the Afterschool Program at Johnson alongside Tommy O'Connor from the Central Office. It was a smooth process and he appreciated collaborating with a Central Office staff member. Manning then noted that the current model of training several staff members from each school on restorative justice practices who then provided training at their own schools seemed to be working very well.

Middle School/High School Principal Reports/GMTCC Director Report:

Middle School: Savery invited everyone to the musical being presented on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. April 29th was progress-monitoring week. Savery informed the Board they would be holding a Stop the Bleed training on May 6th. A Lancer Pride Assembly would be held on May 10th. There was an upcoming student trip to New York City. Incoming 7th graders would visit their teams on May 30th. The school would be holding their restorative justice professional development training on May 2nd. They would focus on circles around school climate and culture.

High School: Schaffer noted that the student representatives at tonight's meeting were there on a volunteer basis and their attendance was recognized as a learning opportunity process for proficiencies. This experience would be reflected on their transcript. Reese stated he hoped to gain more insight in order to give advice. McGee stated she was excited to learn more about the community. Schaffer asked Board members to be sure to engage with the students as much as possible. Schaffer informed the Board there were four active vacancies they were looking to fill. Schaffer stated that Vermont high schools had been directed to allow students to have a voice and the Blue and Gold newsletter was one of the ways that occurred. Each of the issues of the Blue and Gold had amplified the messages coming from the administration. The most recent issue reported on the spate of vandalism in the boys' bathroom. Schaffer wondered what student needs weren't being met and how to continue to build relationships. While individual efforts were important, until students decided they didn't want to encounter vandalism or vaping change would not occur. Schaffer appreciated the student newspaper writers spotlighting issues at the school. Spring sports were currently underway. Schaffer then briefly discussed the Lancer On-Ramp, a communication piece that clarified the ways to demonstrate proficiencies.

GMTCC: Lussier reported that there were so many openings in Vermont for skilled labor that GMTCC phones were ringing off the hook. Employers were looking for graduates to fill positions in all fields. Several companies had been to the campus to outline the positions available in their companies. Lussier noted that Vermont Futures Project predicted there would be a position gap of 10,000 to 11,000 in the needs of Vermont companies looking for skilled labor. Last week the Culinary Arts students were at NECI for the Skills USA competition. The Sustainable Agriculture students would be visiting a nursing home and bringing goats with them. The Allied Health students would be testing for their LNA licenses on Saturday.

Other Business: Nielsen reported that as the VSBA representative he would begin attending meetings this week with the rest of the state. He would provide more information to the Board at the end of May.

Adjourn: Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Bezio, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.