

**Lamoille North Supervisory Union and
Lamoille North Modified Unified Union District Board Meeting
GMTCC - CEC
September 10, 2018**

Members Present: Belvidere: Angie Evans; Cambridge: Laura Miller, Bernard Barnes, Sue Hamlyn-Prescott (arrived at 6:30); Eden: David Whitcomb (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Jeff Hunsberger; Hyde Park: Tina Lowe, Lisa Barry; Johnson: Angela Lamell, Mark Nielsen, Katie Orost, Bobbie Moulton; Waterville: Amanda Tilton-Martin

Members Absent: Cambridge: Jan Sander, Bill Sander, Mark Stebbins; Hyde Park: Chasity Fagnant, Patti Hayford; Johnson: Eve Gagne.

Others Present: Catherine Gallagher, Deborah Clark (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Charleen McFarlane, Michele Aumand, Melinda Mascolino (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Brian Schaffer, Dianne Reilly, Janet Murray, Mary Anderson (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Sherry Lussier, David Manning, Chris Damato, Karyl Kent, Jennifer Stevens, Brian Schwartz, Erika Corrow, Jan Epstein, Jade Hazard

Minute Taker: Michele Aumand, Sue Trainor

Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment: Vice Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Gallagher requested the New Special Education Funding Mechanism agenda item be tabled until the second meeting in October. Barry made a motion, seconded by Miller, to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments. Gallagher introduced Tina Lowe, the new Board representative from Hyde Park, to the Board. Lowe spoke briefly.

LNSU/LNEMUUSD Routine Business: Consent Agenda Items

Minutes of the August 27, 2018, Meeting: Moulton made a motion, seconded by Barry, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Tanzania Presentation: Gallagher introduced Brian Schwartz, Erika Corrow and Karyl Kent. Chris Damato informed the Board of the variety of experiences the participants encountered during their trip. The goals of the trip were to provide participants with an introduction to the culture of another country, work on the boys' dormitory and finish the walls in the workshop. The group was provided a tour of a primary and secondary school where they were greeted so enthusiastically that the Lamoille students were moved to tears. Damato noted that some of the equipment the schools had had came from other groups in Vermont. He also determined a variety of donated items that the school could use. Kent discussed the dining area, kitchen, pizza ovens and meals that were provided to the 650 students at the school. Kent noted that fruits and vegetables were rarely available to the students. A cow and calf were at the school and the visiting students were able to make cheese from the milk. Corrow explained how clothes were washed, noting her clothes were the cleanest they had ever been. Corrow also explained what was required in order to build the workshop. Damato explained that some of the participants worked in town at a clinic, weighing babies and participating in house calls. Corrow was surprised by some of the myths that students believed in. As they were leaving Tanzania, the group was able to explore the largest national park in Tanzania. Damato stated he was very proud of everyone who participated on the trip. Schwartz noted the school was in need of a variety of items. He volunteered to collect items that staff or community members wished to donate. Schwartz mentioned that by 2020 the orphanage hoped to be self-sufficient and the workshop would allow them to accomplish that. The Board followed up with questions.

Appoint Authorized Representative for VEHI/VSBIT Annual Meeting: Hunsberger nominated David Whitcomb to be the Board representative for the VEHI/VSBIT Annual Meeting, seconded by Moulton. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Items

Approve LU Library Assistant Pay Rate: McFarlane informed the Board that the campus would like to hire Amanda Aube. She had experience as a paraeducator and a library assistant in a public library. The recommendation was to pay her at a Grade 3, Step 5, or \$13.24 an hour. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Moulton, to approve the pay rate. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve WES Paraeducator Pay Rate: McFarlane recommended the Board approve the pay rate of Corinne Mutell at a Step 1 at \$12.40 an hour. Tilton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Evans, to approve the pay rate. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve HVAC Instructor Hire: McFarlane recommended the approval of Djorn Crown as an HVAC Instructor at \$58,032. Crown had 40 years of experience. Lussier stated Crown had a number of certifications and a great deal of energy. Hunsberger made a motion, seconded by Tilton-Martin, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously, with Prescott abstaining.

Board Negotiations Council Update: Prescott informed the Board the first meeting of the teacher and support staff negotiating groups had been held this week. Meeting dates had been set for the next four weeks and proposals would be exchanged at those meetings.

Central Office Report: Gallagher reported that parents were coming to her with concerns about technology use. Parents felt they couldn't control the technology their children used. With class assignments being done on the computer, it was hard for a parent to determine when their child should be on the computer. Gallagher provided an article to the Board that suggested there be two hours an evening of structured time with no devices. Gallagher then noted that the first two weeks of school had been smooth, with an increase in mindful work habits.

Elementary Principal Updates:

Cambridge: Anderson reported they had 27 less students at the school than the year before. She believed part of the reason for fewer students was because of a shortage of affordable housing. There were three new teachers this year and several new support staff. The community had been very welcoming to them.

Eden: Mascolino reported that some restorative practice sessions were taking place at the school. She also reported the school was packed with more students than last year and several more teachers. This was an issue. Both the 5th and 6th classrooms had 22 students, which was larger than usual.

Hyde Park: Reilly stated they had had an exciting two weeks in their new school. They held a grand opening on Friday, a ribbon cutting, and a barbeque. Reilly noted that some students arrived thirty minutes before school started. Rather than putting them in the gym, they were broken down into enrichment groups. Reilly thanked everyone again for their support of the new school.

Johnson Elementary School: Manning informed the Board that the special education team ran a restorative circle practice last week and then performed a modified version with the entire staff this week. It was a powerful experience and Manning thanked Schaffer for the idea.

Waterville: Epstein reported to the Board that they had a great start to the school year. Several new teachers were at the school. Sixth graders were going on an overnight field trip. The tipi, damaged in a windstorm last year, now had new poles and hopefully would be up soon.

Middle School, High School and GMTCC Principal/Director Updates:

High School: Schaffer informed the Board that enrollment was at 498 students. While they had anticipated a dip in enrollment, looking at the number of students in the middle and elementary schools Schaffer anticipated a stabilization of the number of students. Through a school choice process, five students elected to move out, with four students coming in. Schaffer asked that the Board support the upcoming Wolcott bus contract agenda item. Schaffer then discussed the high temperatures of some of the classrooms and the discomfort both teachers and students experienced. He asked that any future

bond discussions include some remedy for this. Schaffer noted that the later afternoon bus schedule for Johnson students had gone well and all students were now out of the building by 3:15 p.m.

GMTCC: Lussier informed the Board she had received a letter from a former student who had lifelong physical challenges. One goal of her life was to become an inspirational speaker and she asked to speak to the GMTCC students. Her speech was indeed inspirational. The IT curriculum was changed in order to add coding and cyber-security. Lussier noted three weeks of OSHA training was now beginning. The Open House would be on October 17th.

Schedule Annual Meeting: Clark reported to the Board that the optimal time for the Annual Meeting would be February 18, 2019. Tilton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Barry, to have the Annual Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Renewal of Transportation Contract for Wolcott Students: Clark reported that the Wolcott transportation contract renewed every year at 2.69%. The contract could be renewed three times before going out to bid. Clark recommended renewing the current contract. Tilton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Hunsberger, to renew the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: Hunsberger reported to the Board that bedbugs continued to be an issue in Lamoille County. There would be a free training at Green Mountain Support Services on September 27th for social service staff or interested parties who conduct home visits.

Adjourn: Moulton made a motion, seconded by Hunsberger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.