

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2010

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Litchfield Intermediate School art room.

Board Members Present: Mr. Katzin, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Falcetti, Gorman, Noone, Shuhi, and Simone

Also present: Dr. Wheeler; Ms. Della Volpe; Ms. Longobucco; Ms. Kubisek; Mr. Zaremski; the public and the press.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the consent agenda as submitted with the following corrections on page 2502, the second motion should have Mrs. Fabbri as the second and not Mr. Falcetti.

- a. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting October 20, 2010.
- b. Approve the minutes of Special Meeting October 25, 2010.
- c. Approve the Minutes of Special Meeting November 8, 2010.
- d. Approve the payment of invoices for 2010-1011 budget as required.
- e. Approve out of state field trip – Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA.
- f. Approve out of state field trip – Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA.
- g. Approve out of state field trip – Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. Mr. Shuhi and Mr. Simone abstained.

Public Comment and Correspondence

- a. Mrs. Moore reported that the PTO had a lovely evening at the Litchfield Community Center at the daughter dance; on November 18th, Center School will host a cultural event to compliment the Social Studies curriculum, and the fruit sale distribution will be held November 18th.
- b. Ms. Carr reminded the Board that the High School play, “Hello Dolly” starts on Friday evening, November 12th.
- c. Board members received the following correspondence:
 1. A formal letter of resignation from Mrs. Longobucco thanking the Board for helping in the process and speaking elegantly about 21 years at Center School.
- d. Mrs. Longobucco reported on the following activities at Center School: Rod Dixon met with students and talked about running and healthy lifestyle; Kids Marathon will start in the spring; a moving Veterans’ Day event today with 40 veterans attending; and Spirit Day on Friday.

- e. Ms. Della Volpe reported on the following activities at the high school: today's Autumn Fest fundraiser for pancreatic cancer and student council conference; powder puff football game with students and faculty; Veteran's Day appreciation at Brandywine tomorrow; and school play this Friday, Saturday, Sunday, next Friday and Saturday.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wheeler reported on the following:

- Memo from the State Department of Ed extending the deadline for the Strategic School profile publication; therefore, the Board will review the SSP at the next meeting following the release.
- As a follow up to the Envirothon presentation at the last meeting, trees are being planted on the campus to replace the non-native, invasive trees that will be cut down.

Old Business

Dr. Wheeler reported that feedback from the faculty focus groups has been completed for the Strategic Plan, and the Facilities committee addressed the building use and maintenance as part of the plan.

Committee Reports

Facilities & Technology

Mr. Shuhi reported that the Committee met on the October 18th and discussed future building use. On November 22nd Mr. Zullo will attend as the committee discusses maintenance practices as part of the Strategic Planning process.

Curriculum/Programs and Personnel

Mrs. Fabbri reported that the Committee met last Thursday and discussed the following: K-6 Social Studies curriculum presentation; LHS course selection; CMT, CAPT and SAT data discussion; curriculum steering committee; faculty focus group data; and future agenda items will include K-6 science curriculum and standardized testing.

Finance

Mr. Noone reported that the committee will meet on November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Policy

Ms. Carr reported that the committee will meet on November 18th and presented Policy # 5118 Non-Resident Attendance, 9500 Philosophy and Bylaws of the Board of Education and 5127.1 Graduation Requirements for the first reading.

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Policies

- a. First Reading – Policy # 5118 Non-Resident Attendance – in bullet #3 take out “originally anticipated time” and add “six (6) week” and return for second reading at next meeting.
- b. First Reading – Policy # 9500 Philosophy and Bylaws of the Board of Education – return for second reading at next meeting.
- c. First Reading – Policy # 5127.1 Graduation Requirements – return to Policy Committee.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mrs. Fabbri: to move to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a matter related to collective bargaining. Invited to attend were Dr. Wheeler, Mr. Buccitelli and Ms. Garden.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Executive Session

Present were: all the above Board members and invited to attend Dr. Wheeler, Mr. Buccitelli and Ms. Garden. Mr. Noone and Mr. Shuhi recused themselves. (Mr. Gorman left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.)

Open session resumed at 8:34 p.m.

No action was taken.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Ms. Carr: to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Falcetti, Secretary
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary