

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2009

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate School art room.

Present were: Mr. Katzin, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Mrs. Fabbri; Messrs. Falcetti, Gorman, Noone, Shuhi, Simone; Dr. Wheeler; Mr. Buccitelli; Mr. Johnson; Ms. Della Volpe; Mrs. Longobucco; Ms. Marinelli; members of the public and the press. Mrs. Reardon was absent.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Mr. Simone: to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 25, 2009
- b. Approve the payment of invoices and adjustments to line item expenditures for 2008-09 budget as required
- c. Acceptance of Resignation effective end of 2008-09 school year.

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

Public Comment and Correspondence

Mr. Crowe reported on the last building committee meeting including the following: status of the concrete and soil; funds from the Board of Selectmen; timing of repairs; roof issues; and the next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

Mrs. McKenna commented on the following: CT state statutes pertaining to holiday celebrations; changes in practices; timing for policy and by-laws; and need to be as prompt as possible responding to the holiday issue.

Mr. Burgess distributed a copy of "The Berlitz Guide to Parent-Teacher Conferences" and LPS Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Holiday Traditions and Cultural Diversity Education Task statement. He reviewed the statement, specific areas that should be addressed and expectations. He gave a brief update including the idea of strategizing sustainable programs and having the Superintendent bring people together.

Board members discussed having an update on the ad hoc committee status under Public Comment.

Ms. Della Volpe reported on the NEASC update including the following: 5 year progress report; numbers of commendations, recommendations and status of the recommendations; 22 still require further work.

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Board members discussed the following: timeframe; NEASC status in all schools; and possible 7 year report update.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wheeler reported on the following:

- 4 student's recommended for expulsion
- Having a clear vision for the system.
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Old Business

Board members discussed a possible time and place for a board retreat and agreed on having a facilitator at the retreat on May 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Intermediate School art room.

Committee ReportsFacilities and Technology

Mr. Shuhi reported that the committee needs to set a meeting date to review the technology plan as it exists in order for Mrs. Longobucco to submit it to Ed Connection. Consensus was to meet from 5-6 p.m. before the next Board meeting (April 22).

Finance

Mr. Noone reported that the committee will meet from 6-7 p.m. before the next Board meeting (April 22).

Policy

Ms. Carr reported that the next set of policies will cover buses and wonders if input from the community and the whole Board should be considered before covering the policies pertaining to busing.

Board consensus was to have Mr. Buccitelli work with the bus company to review the stops and report to the Board when completed.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Reardon, Secretary
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary