

SAU #35 EXECUTIVE BOARD
AHEAD CONFERENCE ROOM
260 COTTAGE STREET, 1st FLR.
LITTLETON, NH 03561

DATE: MAY 7, 2016
TIME: 5:30 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board Chairman Luther Kinney; Board Members Rick Christoffersen, Scott Champagne, Denys Draper, Amy Lane Tuohy; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Tina Peabody.

Chairman Kinney called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

There was no motion to approve the minutes as of those present only Denys Draper had attended the meeting. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that historically the Executive Board does not meet in July and he does not think an August meeting will be required either. If it is the board chair will be notified. Business Manager Tina Peabody said she would notify board members when manifests were ready to be signed and requested that they stop by the office to sign them in the absence of a meeting.

Following a brief discussion, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY RICK CHRSTOFFERSEN TO NOT HAVE A JULY OR AUGUST 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Rhianna Miscio has been hired as a Speech and Language Assistant and needs them to approve the nomination. MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY RICK CHRSTOFFERSEN TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF RHIANNA MISCIO AS A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE ASSISTANT FOR SAU35. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that he has applied for a School Safety Grant for all districts but he needs their approval of the grant application as the SAU is the actual grant applicant. This opportunity was made possible by the fact that all schools participated in the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management program last year addressing School Security Assessments. Because spending of safety was able to be used back to 2013 the districts have or will spend at least \$47,050 and we are responsible for 50% or \$23,525.

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION – SAU 35 EXECUTIVE BOARD

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE “The Executive Board of White Mountains School Administrative Unit #35, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$23,525.00 for the purchase of security equipment. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$47,050.00, in which the SAU and Member Districts will be responsible for a 50% match (\$23,525.00 of in-kind match from previously purchased security equipment)”, and to authorize Superintendent Couture to sign any and all documentation on this matter.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture presented policies DFA – FUND BALANCES and DIA – INVESTMENT POLICES for final approval. After a brief discussion, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE TO ACCEPT POLICIES DFA AND DIA FOR FINAL APPROVAL. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that he is the Chair of the Charter School Board and attended their graduation at the Littleton Opera House. This is the 12th year of the school and it has graduated 450 students that otherwise might have just dropped out of school. The Charter School is a collaborative effort between 10 school districts with sites in Littleton and Lancaster. Students attend from Colebrook and Berlin in the north to Lincoln and Woodsville in the south. The keynote speaker was a 2011 graduate who is now an engineer and seeking a Master's Degree. He spoke to the diploma received today is just a starting point. In response to a question from Scott Champagne Superintendent Couture said that there were 38 graduates this year – from both sites. He does not see the need diminishing. Luther spoke to the good experiences he has had as the landlord and personally noting that Principal Lisa Lavoie really pushes the kids. Superintendent Couture said they have added “cords” to celebrate achievement such as 100% attendance. Attendance is emphasized because of its importance as they move into the work force.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Profile's graduation is Friday and Lisbon's Sunday. He also advised the Ben Jellison, currently Dean of Students at Lisbon, will be the new Profile principal.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Manifests were circulated for Board review and approval.

Business Manager Tina Peabody distributed Financial Reports for Board information and review noting that the current projected yearend balance is \$12,356.00. Ms. Peabody advised the Board that there were minimal changes which included adjustments to revenue which were actually reimbursements. The office is moving end to year-end mode.

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY SCOTT CHAMPAGNE TO ADJOURN AT 5:51 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina D. Peabody
Business Manager