

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

May 18, 2011

Present: L. Brousseau-Lebreux. M. Shapiro, D. Gomez, D. Beauchemin, J. Quinn, Kathryn Crowley-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons.

II. Executive Session: On a motion made by L. Lebrueux, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to seal the executive session minutes of 4/13/11 & 5/18/11. Role Call: M. Shapiro-aye, D. Gomez-aye, D. Beauchemin-aye, J. Quinn-aye, L. Lebrueux-aye.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

IV. Public Input: Questions pertaining to the school budget packet that was mailed to the citizens of Little Compton. There was a discussion that the packet was not helpful in evaluating the budget in comparison to last year. The reason given by the committee was that this was due to the new UCOA.

V. Consent Agenda: The minutes of 4/13 and April 27 were pulled for further discussion-April 13 item 7. After corrections to the minutes of April 13, 2011 and on a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by D. Beauchemin, it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda

VI. Spotlight on Excellence: Due to the literacy night still being in session the spotlight on excellence was cancelled.

VII. Superintendent Report: The Superintendent asked that the Committee accept some items previously added to the agenda

electronically instead of in the school committee packet. The Superintendent reported on the information she received from RIDE pertaining to the building project and the possible decision from RIDE not to fund the building project. The building project is scheduled as an item in their meeting on May 19, 2011 for a final decision. The superintendent discussed and distributed the Little Compton school calendar. The superintendent reported on the reimbursement we received from our insurance in the amount of \$33,588. The Superintendent also asked the School Committee to adopt the Lacrosse Team as an official school sport for 2011-12. The Superintendent reported on the scheduling process. The superintendent discussed the document received by our attorney pertaining to admitting an out of district student. The Superintendent reported on the issue with the well and the decision to install an alarm that would also go to the police department if there is an issue with the well. In addition, there have been discussions of an additional water tank or well. On Monday, there will be staff going to training pertaining to the new evaluation system. Also there will be another meeting pertaining to the re-certification process and will be reported on in June. Title II report was discussed and was approved by the state after a great report. June 10, 2011 will be the Portsmouth High School graduation.

VIII. Principal Report: The Principal reported that the 8th grade has arrived safely in Washington DC and having a great time. The graduation for Wilbur will be June 23, 2011. The Chartwell luncheon

will be held June 2, 2011. Mr. Gibney reported on the Memorial day parade May 30, 2011. Last day of school June 24, 2011. Field day will be June 15, 2011.

IX. Personnel Matters:

a. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to approve recalling the following non-tenured teachers: A. Rubino, G. Sullivan, J. Ford, K. Featherstone, K. Moniz and S. Harlow.

X. Discussion Items:

a. A discussion took place pertaining to an administrator's school committee retreat. During this retreat goals are set by the committee and additional items are discussed on a larger scale. Additional information pertaining to price and location will be reported at the June meeting and voted on at that time. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to table this discussion to the next meeting.

b. Well water issue- D. Gomez discussed the problem with the well water issue and possible solutions to the problem. One being a new well, holding tank and alarm system. Further pricing information will be reported at the next meeting. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to table this discussion to the next meeting.

c. Recreation and conservation-L. Lebrux reported on the lighting for the basketball courts and the issue surrounding the recreational

fields/areas.

d. Building committee-covered in the Superintendent's report

e. Portsmouth High School contract-On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by L. Lebrux it was unanimously voted to move this item to an action item. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by D. Gomez it was unanimously voted to approve the Portsmouth High School contract.

f. Lunch program-K. Crowley discussed the issues with the possible deficit of approximated \$8,000. In addition, some ideas were discussed about ways to generate money which would include adding a vending machine which would mainly be for water. This vending machine would be mainly to service night and after school activities. Also, there was a suggestion to satellite our food to Tiverton and have it transported over.

XI. Action Items:

a. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2011-12 school committee calendar.

b. On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by D. Beauchimen, it was unanimously voted to approve the Little Compton school calendar

c. Family and Consumer Science- On a motion made by L. Lebrux, seconded by M. Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to approve the position of Family and consumer science for a 2/5 position for one year only.

d. Out –of- District – On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by M.

Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to table this item to the next meeting.

e. School Health Report – On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by L. Lebrueux, it was unanimously voted to approve the School Health Policy.

f. Donation/Salvage items – On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by J. Quinn, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Superintendent to dispose of the items as she sees fit.

g. Parent/Student Grievance Policy, Section 504 – On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by L. Lebrueux it was unanimously voted to approve the Parent/Student Grievance Policy, Section 504

h. ELA Curriculum K-8 – On a motion made by M. Shapiro, seconded by L. Lebrueux, it was unanimously voted to table this item to the next meeting.

i. Lacrosse School Team to start 2011-12 – On a motion made by M. Shapiro, seconded by L. Lebrueux, it was unanimously voted to approve the Lacrosse team as an official school team to begin in school year 2011-12

j. Vending machine – On a motion made M. Shapiro, seconded by L. Lebrueux, it was unanimously voted to have a trial of a vending machine on a small scale.

k. School committee meeting of July 13, 2011 change to July 20, 2011 – On motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by M. Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to table this item to the next meeting.

XII. Adjourn: On a motion made by L. Lebrueux, seconded by M.

Shapiro, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee