

Little Compton School Committee

Date: 5-20-15

7:00 Open Session

Little Compton School Department

28 Commons, Little Compton, RI 02837

(Commons Area)

-Minutes-

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Present:

Attendee Name Title Status Arrived

T. Allder Chairperson present

L. Craffey Vice-Chairperson present

P. McHugh Secretary present

P. Bugara Member present

P. Allen Member present

K. Crowley Superintendent present

K. McAllister Attorney present

J. McNamee Business Manager present

C. Sylvia Director of HR present

I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

The Pledge was taken

II. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by L. Craffey, seconded by P.

Bugara it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda

Minutes April 8, 2015 and May 12, 2015 (exec. Session)

Bills and Payroll

Cash Disbursements

Correspondence

Information

Other:

- **Approve the maternity leave, Middle School Math**

III. Seal Minutes of the Executive Session-May 12, 2015

On a motion made by L. Craffey, seconded by P. McHugh it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of May 12, 2015 and it was noted that no votes were taken in executive session.

IV. Public Input:

Public Input was taken. A motion was made by P. McHugh, seconded by P. Allen to have a second Public Input after discussion. The motion fails (3-2) Alder-nay, Craffey-nay, Bugara-nay, Allen-aye, McHugh-aye. Lynn Lebreux addressed the school committee pertaining to the visitor policy and had the Chair ask the Attorney if it was against her rights to have the visitors book photographed. The attorney responded that it is unlawful to photograph a visitor log.

V. Spotlight on Excellence:

Trip to New York, 6th Grade, Trip to Philadelphia 7th Grade. On a motion made by L. Craffey, seconded by P. Bugara it was unanimously voted to move Spotlight on Excellence before the Consent Agenda. M. Tomasso and students gave highlights about

the NY Trip. Mr. Arruda gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Philadelphia field trip.

VI. Superintendent Report:

Strategic Plan The Superintendent indicated that we are currently in the process of working on the Strategic Plan with the state and will be working with Peg Votta to help with our Strategic Plan

Pre-K Presentation for 2016-17 school year The Superintendent reported on the prospect of starting a Pre-K program.

Dual Enrollment The Superintendent discussed dual enrollment which will give high school juniors and seniors to get college credits for free through the high school. This will be further discussed with the joint meeting that the LCS will have with PHS.

Joint meeting of the PHS and Little Compton School Committee Next Tuesday, May 26, 2015 the Little Compton Schools will have a joint meeting with the Portsmouth School Department.

Newport Regional Special Education Award The Superintendent spoke on the award that our school received on behalf of Newport Regional Special Education. Our school was nominated by the Pinkerton family.

Ambassador Awards On a motion made by L. Craffey, seconded by P. McHugh it was unanimously voted to move the Ambassador Awards before the consent agenda. Jamie Silveira and Paige Shapiro were honored with the Ambassador Awards.

Portsmouth High School National Honor Society On April 30, 2015 Mr. Alder went to the National Honor Society presentation:

VII. Finance Report: J. McNamee

J. McNamee gave a presentation on our finances.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Portsmouth School Committee, P. Allen A report was given.

Recreation Committee, P. McHugh A report was given. A timeline has been established to go out to bid in June, ground breaking in August.

Scholarship Committee, L. Craffey A report was given. The committee reviewed the application forms and some revisions were made. There will be three additional scholarships that will be given out for a total of 5.

IX. Personnel:

Consider and vote to Lay-off Certified Staff On a motion made by P. Bugara, seconded by L. Craffey it was voted 3-2 to approve the lay-off. Allder-aye,

X. Discussion Items:

PowerPoint on PARCC Testing, P. Bugara On a motion made by P. Bugara, seconded by L. Craffey it was unanimously voted to table the presentation to the June meeting.

Visitors Policy, P. Allen A discussion took place. The policy will be looked at for the June meeting.

PowerPoint in response to Little Compton Concerned Citizen Petition, L. Craffey A PowerPoint was given pertaining to the petition. P. Allen

wanted to make it clear that this was L. Craffey's opinion/findings and does not represent the full school committees views.

XI. Action Items:

Consider and vote on the Rhode Island Transportation Bid, J. McNamee

On a motion made by P. Bugara, seconded by P. McHugh it was unanimously voted to approve the transportation bid and award the contract to First Student.

Consider and vote to donate to the PHS prom after-party, Superintendent Crowley

On a motion made by P. McHugh, seconded by L. Craffey it was unanimously voted

Consider and vote on the final budget for FY2016. On a motion made by T. Alder, seconded by P. McHugh it was unanimously voted to table this indefinitely due to no change in the budget.

XII. Adjourn:

Consider and Vote on a motion to Adjourn: On a motion made by T. Alder, seconded by L. Craffey it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:46pm.