

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**LITCHFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 27**

Litchfield, New Hampshire 03052

Approved Minutes for February 8, 2017

In Attendance: Brian Bourque, Chair
Derek Barka, Vice Chair (*absent*)
Janine Lepore, Board Member (*absent*)
Christina Harrison, Board Member (*excused*)
Paula Izbicki, Board Member
James L. O'Neill, Superintendent
Frank Markiewicz, Business Administrator
Scott Thompson, Principal, GMS
William Lonergan, Principal, CHS
Michele E. Flynn, Administrative Assistant

(Agenda items may not be in the order in which they were addressed.)

Note: There was no quorum. Some discussion took place; however, there were no decisions or actions.

I. PUBLIC SESSION

6:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Mr. Bourque opened the public session at 6:18 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Review & Revision of Agenda

Mr. Bourque indicated there was not a quorum of Board members and this is not an official meeting. He noted that the members present may discuss some agenda items, but will not make decisions or take any actions.

D. Summary of Non-Public Actions: from January 25, 2017:

Mr. Barka made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of January 11, 2017 as written. Mrs. Harrison seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Bourque made a motion not to accept the resignation of Nick Parent, part time CHS Physical Education teacher, until a replacement is hired. Mrs. Izbicki seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1.

E. Presentations & Recognitions

- Awards – Outstanding Leadership PLTW
 - Sandra Doucette
 - Paula CullenKent

Mr. Bourque presented awards of recognition to Sandra Doucette and Paula CullenKent from GMS for their outstanding leadership with Project Lead the Way.

Mr. Thompson made the following statements:

Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. CullenKent stand out as leaders of technology integration at GMS. They are key leaders for grades 1 and 4 and engage their students for the use of technology daily. They hunger for real knowledge and how to improve instruction. Mrs. Doucette completed certification for technology integration and both have attended many technology workshops and taken courses. They use the information from the courses in their classes. Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. CullenKent lead teacher training in Project Lead the Way and both piloted some of the PLTW units. They trained all teachers on November 8, 2016. Science and technology are contagious in their classrooms. They led PLTW from inception to schoolwide initiative. Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. CullenKent have raised the bar for science instruction at GMS and are inspiring.

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Mr. Bourque commented that Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. CullenKent are the first two recipients of the E³ Awards (Empowering Excellence in Education).

Mrs. Izbicki commented it is hard to find teachers such as these. She indicated they are very valued in Litchfield and she expressed hope they will stay with the district for a long time.

Mr. O'Neill commented what they do for our children is wonderful and that they set a high bar for everyone else.

- Senior Project Proposal

The proposal was postponed as the student had a previous commitment.

F. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

G Community Forum

There was no public input.

H. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. O'Neill commented it was great to start the Empowering Excellence in Education awards. He indicated we will continue to find those people and have these recognition awards every month. He looks forward to recommendations both in the district and in the community. He announced that anyone can call the Superintendent's office to make a nomination.

Mr. O'Neill commented on Deliberative Session. He expressed that he was pleased to be part of the democratic process and expressed appreciation to everyone who attended. He urged people to vote on March 14 and support their public schools.

Mr. Bourque commented a motion was made at Deliberative Session that may have carried if there were not as many people concerned with education in attendance. He mentioned that Town Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00 am in the CHS auditorium.

I. School Board Comments

Mr. Bourque thanked the participants who were at Deliberative Session. He mentioned there was quite a turnout in comparison to last year. He commented that he hopes people at home were watching and learned a bit about our warrant articles. He announced if anyone has any questions to reach out to School Board members.

Mr. Bourque mentioned that he has received more inquiries regarding a date for CHS graduation. He commented the date is still fluid as we will most likely have another snow day. He noted as we get closer the date will be set.

Mrs. Izbicki thanked everyone for coming out on Saturday. She indicated it is up to the voters to decide what they want to put their money toward.

Mr. O'Neill commented that there are people who strive for educating children and education in the district and community. He indicated we will strive to award all the people nominated who make a difference for children in Litchfield. He mentioned that E³ means we are cubing the efforts of one person that makes a huge impact on our children.

Mrs. Izbicki commented that it impacts everyone, including teachers.

Mr. Bourque indicated that Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. CullenKent deserved the awards.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Minutes of:

- January 25, 2017

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B. Budget Transfers

Consent items were postponed to the February 22 Board meeting.

III. REPORTS

A. Building Issue

This agenda item was postponed to the February 22 Board meeting.

B. E-Rate Proposal

This agenda item was postponed to the February 22 Board meeting.

C. Committee Reports

- **Budget Committee**

Mr. Bourque reported the Budget Committee met after the budget hearings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Facility Policy Discussion

This agenda item was postponed to the February 22 Board meeting.

V. MANIFEST

The manifest was circulated and signed by the Board.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Community Forum

Nate Cooper, CHS teacher and LEA President, thanked the School Board for recognizing Mrs. Doucette and Mrs. CullenKent. He indicated they are very deserving. He thanked everyone who attended Deliberative Session and for taking part in the democratic process. He invited people to come out and vote in March and make their voices heard. Mr. Cooper thanked the GMS PTO for a very exciting Trivia Night that was attended by many teachers and community members. He noted that the CHS team won.

Mrs. Izbicki commented that it was a fun night and that the CHS team won the money, but generously donated it back to the PTO.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele E. Flynn, Administrative Assistant to the School Board