

Our mission is to provide rigorous and varied educational opportunities that challenge and engage all students to attain their highest level of intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth. (2007)

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL BOARD - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 27

Litchfield, New Hampshire 03052

DRAFT MINUTES

January 8, 2009

(approved as written 1-21-09)

Present:

Mr. Dennis Miller, Chair
Mrs. Cindy Couture, Vice Chair
Mr. Ralph Boehm, Board Member
Mrs. Pat Jewett, Board Member (*arrived late – see notation*)
Mrs. Dot Beauregard, Board Member
Mr. Steve Martin, Business Administrator
Mrs. Michele E. Flynn, Secretary

1) Public Session – Call to Order -Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He explained that the meeting of January 7, 2009 was cancelled due to inclement weather and an abbreviated meeting was schedule for this evening.

2) Review and Revision of Agenda

There were no revisions to the agenda.

3) School Board Comments

There were no Board member comments.

4) Recommended Action

a) Business Affairs

Mr. Martin reviewed the Budget Committee Recommended Reductions to the FY10 Proposed Budget recommended by the School Board. Budget Committee members recommended a total of \$74,511 in reductions to the budget. The Budget Committee Approved FY10 Operating Budget total is \$19,495,971. Mr. Martin distributed a draft copy of the MS-27 reporting that the total Recommended FY10 Operating Budget Appropriations total will be \$20,727,636.

Board member queried the Budget Committee's recommended reductions to the FY10 Operating Budget. Mr. Miller indicated that the reductions included: \$5,700 in Athletic Salaries that the Board did not reduce the previous year; \$8,000 in Dental Insurance; \$23,811 in Social Security as that account has been historically under spent; \$10,000 in Workman's Compensation; \$2,000 from Game Officials; \$13,000 in Electricity based on the Committee's perception of what PSNH's rate will be in FY10; \$10,000 in Transportation Fuel; and \$2,000 from Grounds Equipment Replacement, which represents a snowblower that was purchased this year; for a total reduction of \$74,511.

1) FY10 Default Budget Approval

Mr. Martin presented the FY10 Default Budget to the Board for approval. The FY10 Default Operating Budget total is \$20,849,678. He reported no major changes. Mr. Martin explained his process for calculating the Default Budget, noting that there have been no changes to the process from the previous years.

Mrs. Couture made a motion to approve the FY10 Default Budget for a total of \$20,849,678. Mrs. Beauregard seconded. The motion carried 3-1-0, with Mr. Boehm voting in the negative.

2) 2009 Warrant Articles Approval

Mr. Martin presented the revised 2009 Warrant Articles for Board approval. The Warrant has been sent to the District's attorney for final review and will go to the DRA for review and approval. Since there have been no major revisions to the 2009 Warrant, Board members voted to approve each article.

Article 1: FY10 Operating Budget, total \$20,727,636; FY10 Default Budget, total \$20,849,678.

Mrs. Couture made a motion to approve Article 1 as written. Mrs. Beauregard seconded. The motion carried 3-1-0, with Mr. Boehm voting in the negative.

Article 2: Litchfield Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY2010-2012 with increases of \$457,623 for FY10; \$374,373 for FY11; \$379,805 for FY12.

Mrs. Couture made a motion to approve Article 2 as presented. Mr. Boehm seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Article 3: Appointment of a School District Deputy Treasurer for an unpaid one-year term.

Mr. Boehm made a motion to approve Article 3 as written. Mrs. Beauregard seconded. The motion carried 4-0-0.

(Mrs. Jewett arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

Article 4: To allow additional money (up to \$50,000) to be added to the current Special Education Capital Reserve Fund from the FY09 year-end undesignated fund balance.

Mr. Boehm made a motion to approve Article 4 as written. Mrs. Couture seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Article 5: To require that all votes by the Budget Committee and School Board relative to budget items and warrant articles and their tallies be printed on the District Warrant next to the affected article.

Mr. Boehm made a motion to approve Article 5 as written. Mrs. Couture seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The 2009 School District Warrant is so approved by the Litchfield School Board.

5) **Community Input**

There was no community input.

6) **Adjourn**

Mr. Boehm made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Mrs. Couture seconded. The motion carried 5-0-0.

7) **Upcoming Meetings**

>Litchfield School Board: January 21, 28, 2009 - CHS Media Room – 6:30 PM

> School District Deliberative Session: January 31, 2009 – CHS Auditorium - 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michele E. Flynn
School Board Secretary