

Lincoln School Board Meeting
February 15, 2010 5:30 PM
Lincoln Community School Library

Members attending: David Venman, Henry Wilmer, Donnie Sargent, Tim Brokaw,
Marion Bouchard

Others attending: Principal Tory Riley, Superintendent Evelyn Howard, Business
Manager Greg Burdick, Don Devaney, Vicki Billings

1. Meeting called to order by Chair D. Venman at 5:40 p.m.
2. Visitors' Business – none
3. Board Items:
 - a. Ends Monitoring Report re: Reading & Writing – T. Riley spoke about the enclosed Writing & Reading information. Due to small class size, two years are grouped together. The assessment report shows the differences between students receiving free and reduced lunch and those who do not. The second assessment report shows the comparison between male and female students. The last page shows information following one class from 6th grade at LCS through 9th grade at Mt. Abraham. T. Riley feels that LCS students are doing well in comparison with other students. T. Riley indicates that overall the FRL vs. the non-FRL population at LCS shows very little difference. It is a concern about reaching the remaining students who are not meeting/exceeding expectations in Reading and Writing. H. Wilmer asked about further decline in the comprehension scores as the students get older. Community influence is a factor – where communities place a higher value on academics and opportunities for them beyond high school then males show greater achievement. There was discussion about the decline in performance in 9th grade. E. Howard spoke about the introduction of research papers in 9th grade and how these papers can be daunting for students. T. Brokaw pointed out the alarming drop out rates across the country. The monitoring document was completed by the Board. As a whole the Board feels that the information they are receiving shows that progress is being made and that much thought is being given to areas where improvement can be made.
 - b. Monitoring Report re: Financial Planning & Budgeting 2.4 – E. Howard asked if anyone had any questions about the Financial Planning and Budgeting report that she submitted. A monitoring report was completed by the Board.
 - c. Planning for February 17th Informational Meeting & March 1st School District Meeting – H. Wilmer briefly went over the format of the information contained in his presentation which was distributed to the Board. The Board is in agreement that the information presented is acceptable.
 - d. Board Process Self-Monitoring – The self-monitoring report was completed by the Board. E. Howard offered that she has materials that are available to the board to orient themselves with Policy Governance. The board agrees to have a policy awareness item built into its monthly agenda.
 - e. Other –

- i. A letter from a 5th grade student was discussed. The topic of the letter concerns physical education time, or lack thereof. E. Howard asked if students at LCS are aware of how to have issues resolved within the school. D. Venman will respond to the letter acknowledging his concerns and pointing out the correct procedures to follow for addressing concerns. He will also follow up on this situation.
- ii. E. Howard passed out the Data Resource Books to the Board.
- iii. Binders containing mandatory policies, general procedures for the entire school district and LCS current policies were passed out to the board. The Board needs to review these policies in preparation for updating all mandatory policies.

4. Consent Agenda: A motion to accept the Consent Agenda items a – c as written was made by D. Venman; seconded by D. Sargent. Voted and approved.

a. Pay Orders

Run #	Amount		PR #	Amount
16	\$63,469.60		15	\$47,103.26
16a	\$15.97		16	\$48,491.21
Total	\$63,485.57		Total	\$95,594.47

b. Minutes: 1/18/10

c. Approve Principal's Contract for 2010-11 School Year

5. Executive Session Anticipated: T.1 V.S.A. Ch.5 §313 (a): None

6. A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 by D. Venman; seconded by M. Bouchard. Voted and approved.

Minutes submitted by
Vicki Billings