

Lincoln School Board Special Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2010
Lincoln Community School

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

Others attending: Principal Tory Riley, Business Manager Greg Burdick, Superintendent Evelyn Howard, Owen Farnsworth, Steve Halnon, Dave and Mary Harrison, Mary Lou and Mike Harding, MaryBeth Stillwell, Joan Heaton, Jared and Jan Buker, Roger Rood, George Truax, Jim Apgar

1. Chair D. Venman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. Visitors' Business: Individuals spoke about coming to hear about the proposal for the building. Given the nature of upcoming expenses and the unsustainable current rate of growth, voters are concerned. It was proposed that the town entities create a forum to examine all the expenses before they come to town meeting, allowing the town to work in a holistic approach. Interest on the part of the select board supporting this approach was noted. Everyone that is requesting money from the town and the different groups need to consider how to deal with so many requests in a way that makes sense. The result might be a forum, facilitated by a professional, for discussion along the way. Groups might be Lincoln sports, fire department, library, and the school facility issues over the next 11 months. Members of the school board expressed interest in the concept.

3. Board Items:

Changes from the original budget were reviewed by T. Riley. \$10,000 was reduced from architects fees; technologist's time reduced; summer labor reduced; custodial salaries reduced; and \$22,000 in purchased services for repairs that will await a renovation project. The result of changes will reduce educational spending. The Board considered adding an additional deficit amount to the current year's budget as long as more program cuts are not made.

Questions addressed included:

- the format in which the budget will be presented
- improving reader accessibility

D. Sargent moved to approve adding \$13,000 to the deficit line for the proposed budget; M. Bouchard seconded. Voted and approved.

Questions from visitors included:

Using a design-build approach

Contracting with one entity instead of a separate contract for an architect and another contract for the contractor.

Negotiating with architect to act as the prime contractor.

Owen Farnsworth recommended that the Board look at the budget with G. Burdick at every meeting.

The Board adjourned to hear presentations from two architects:

4. Black River Architects Presentation 6:00 – 7:00
5. Truex & Cullins Presentation 7:00 – 8:00

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

6. **D. Sargent moved to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. under T.1 V.S.A. Ch.5 313 (a)(3); seconded by H. Wilmer. Voted and approved.**

M. Bouchard left executive session at 8:05 p.m. due to a conflict of interest matter.
M. Bouchard returned to executive session at 8:20 p.m.

D. Sargent moved to come out of executive session at 8:25 p.m.; seconded by H. Wilmer. Voted and approved.

The Board set a meeting on Wednesday, 3/31/10 at 6:00 p.m. to receive a third architect presentation.

7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Reduction in Force (RIF) of .10 for N. McClaren (performance arts position)
 - b. Accept Resignation from M. Frank re: .5 FTE Physical Education Position
 - c. Accept Resignation from B. Katzman re: Guidance Position effective June 30, 2010
 - d. Accept Resignation from L. Lattrell, Custodian, effective June 30, 2010
 - e. Approve Short Term Borrowing Note from Chittenden Bank for \$225,000

D. Venman moved to approve the Consent Agenda a through e with item e amended to read \$250,000; seconded by D. Sargent. Voted and approved.

8. **T. Brokaw moved to approve the budget of \$1,609,535 to be presented to the voters and a warning for a special school district meeting on May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by H. Wilmer. Voted and approved.**
9. **H. Wilmer moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.; seconded by D. Sargent. Voted and approved.**

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn T. Howard