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October 10, 2016

Lowell Graded School Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Steven Mason, Jason Blay, David Legacy

Administrators Present: Anita Gagner (Principal), John Castle (Superintendent)

NCSU Finance Assistant: April Touchette

Guest: Sonja Blodgett, Robin Messier, Gail Sicotte, Katherine Sims, Mark Higley

- I. Steven Mason called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Steven Mason. There were no additions or adjustments to the agenda.
- II. Approve the minutes of September 6, 2016, School Board Meeting – Jason Blay made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016, School Board Meeting. David Legacy seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens – Sonja Blodgett, Robin Messier and Gail Sicotte were present seeking information regarding the recently revised Non-Certified Policy. Steven Mason began the conversation by thanking them for coming. He stated that it was thought the Policy would go into effect for the 2017-2018 school year. Steve told those present that this was not done to save money, it was done to address consolidation/Act 46, without actually adopting Act 46. NCSU took three separate policies to work on regarding this. Transportation, Special Education and Non-Certified Staff were chosen. The SU, along with local boards, are working hard to ensure equity throughout the district. Currently NCSU is the only Supervisory Union in the state to look at this alternative model to address consolidation without adopting Act 46.

John Castle, Superintendent, was present. He apologized to those in attendance for the choppy process. He stated that the goal is to have a more common approach throughout the district for consolidating common policies. John reiterated what Steve said regarding equity.

Robin Messier made a request when letters of intent are issued to include a copy of the conditions of the policy.

Steven Mason extended an open invitation for a representative from the Non-Certified Staff to attend the next three Board Meetings, during the budget process.

Katherine Sims was present to provide information regarding her candidacy for House Representative.

IV. Program Presentation – Anita handed out the School Wide Action Plan for 2016-2017. Representatives from the Leadership Team will be in attendance next month to provide more explanation.

V. Financial Reports –

Action:

- A. Approve the Warrants – Jason Blay made the motion to approve the warrants. David Legacy seconded. Passed unanimously.
- B. Approve the Financial Report of September 2016 – Jason Blay made the motion to approve the Financial Report of September 2016. David Legacy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Information:

- A. Board Goals and Budget Parameters – The budget process has begun for school year 2017-2018.

<u>Action:</u>			FY16	FY17
Check #	Orders	Check Date	Amount	Amount
5610-5645	Payroll	09/15/2016		\$34,849.46
5646-5668	Accounts Payable	09/13/2016		\$115,838.41
5669-5705	Payroll	09/29/2016		\$39,441.71
5706-5726	Accounts Payable	09/27/2016		\$33,311.70
5727-5728	Accounts Payable	09/27/2016		\$5,686.55
5729	Accounts Payable	10/05/2016		\$99.35
TOTAL ORDERS				\$229,227.18

VI. Principal's Report – Jason Blay made the motion to approve the Principal's Report. David Legacy seconded. Passed unanimously.

VII. Superintendent's Report – John Castle explained the Education Quality Waiver Request. David Legacy made the motion to approve the Education Quality Waiver Request. Jason Blay seconded. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Unfinished/New/Other Business –

Information/Discussion:

- A. AllEarth Renewables Contract – A new contract format has been received. This contract needs to be worded specifically for Lowell Graded School.

Action

- A. Code of Conduct – The Code of Conduct for school board members was reviewed and signed by all members. This will be displayed in the main hallway.

IX. Other Business

Information/Discussion:

- A. Act 46 Forum Discussion – Discussion took place regarding a community forum to discuss Act 46. The Board has chosen December 15th at 5:30 p.m. as the date for this forum to take place.

Action:

- A. Designate VEHI Proxy – Jason Blay made the motion to appoint Steven Mason as Proxy for VEHI. David Legacy seconded. Passed unanimously.

- B. Designate VSBIT Proxy - Jason Blay made the motion to appoint Steven Mason as Proxy for VSBIT. David Legacy seconded. Passed unanimously
- X. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting
 A. Board Goals and Budget Parameters
 B. The date for the next Board Meeting was set for Monday, November 14, 2016.
- XI. Executive Session – None required
- XII. Adjourn – David Legacy made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Jason Blay seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meetings:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>NCSU Policy Committee</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>10/27/2016</u>	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>NCSU A213</u>
<u>NCSU Executive Committee</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>10/27/2016</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>NCSU A209</u>
<u>Lowell School Board</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>11/14/2016</u>	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Lowell Graded School</u>

Respectfully submitted by:

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