

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NO. 12
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053

5 A concurrent meeting of the School Administrative Unit No. 12 School Board and the Londonderry
School District School Board was held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015** at 7:00PM at the Londonderry Town
Office, Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. In attendance were
School Board members: Mr. Young, Mrs. Hendricks, Mr. Laferriere, Mr. Lekas and Mrs. Reilly. Also
in attendance were Superintendent Nate Greenberg, Business Administrator Peter Curro and School
10 Board Secretary, Lisa Muse.

1. **Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mr. Young.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Reed Clark.

3. **Questions, Announcements and Presentations:** Mr. Parent recognized top 10 students from

Class of 2015:	Tenth Honors:	Emma Breslow
	Ninth Honors:	Rebecca Walker
	Eighth Honors:	Emily Radford
	Seventh Honors:	Gabrielle Feig
	Sixth Honors:	Hanna Batchelor
	Fifth Honors:	Colby Joncas
	Fourth Honors:	Michelle Kerns
	Third Honors:	Tonya Jiang
	Salutatorian:	Nicholas Nigro
	Valedictorian:	Emily Crocetti

4. **Consent Agenda:** *Mr. Laferriere made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Hendricks seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5-0-0.*

4.1 Resignation(s):

Colleen Lavoie Monitor Middle School

4.2 Minutes: April 21, 2015

4.3 Meetings:

May 19, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00PM	Town Offices
June 2, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00PM	Town Offices
June 8, 2015	Adult Ed Graduation	7:00PM	LHS Cafe
June 12, 2015	High School Graduation	7:00PM	Verizon Wireless Arena
June 16, 2015	Regular Meeting	7:00PM	Town Offices

45 Mr. Greenberg mentioned that the Baccalaureate Night for Seniors is June 11th at the Capitol Center in
Concord at 7:00PM

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Student Council – Sophia Mirageas: This month, the LHS music department has many upcoming events. On May 13, the concert bands and jazz bands will be hosting their spring concert, beginning at 7pm in the gymnasium. All are welcome. The symphonic band will be performing at the annual Young People’s concert on May 18 from 6:15-7:30 as well. Also this month, the Lancer track team will be hosting the 4th Annual Londonderry Invitational on the 23rd of May. Alumni of LHS track are invited to attend the meet! Londonderry is also very excited to host the New Hampshire Special Olympics this Saturday, May 9th! Every year means so much to participants and volunteers. Good luck to all athletes! Also on May 9th, LHS will be having its senior prom at the Nashua Radisson from 7-11 pm. And finally, LHS thanks all its teachers this week during teacher appreciation week. Thank you to all teachers who have served the Londonderry School District.

5.2 Teacher Liaison – Stella Skoropowski: Matthew Thornton: The fifth graders took a field trip to Boston Museum of Science. While there, they were able to experience the Omni Theater and had the opportunity to view the various exhibits. Three of our fifth grade classes put on a play in celebration of Earth Day called The Environmental Show. Students, under the direction of Marisa Keshigian, worked hard on the play and performed for third, fourth, and fifth graders. Middle School: The Londonderry Middle School Pop Stars will be having a concert at the Middle School on Friday, May 8th. The concert will feature music from Imagine Dragons, Kelly Clarkson, Bon Jovi, Passenger, Vanessa Carlton, Paramore, and more. The concert is being held in LMS cafeteria and starts at 7 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The Boys Respect club at LMS has had a wonderful year and would like to thank the board for their continued support of extra-curricular activities such as this one. We’ve had strong attendance throughout the year and have taken 4 field trips, developing good sportsmanship, respect and friendships along the way. The boys have snowshoed, hiked, played laser tag and learned the art of negotiation when we only had a few sleds to enjoy on Mack’s hill this past winter. We will finish the year with a trip to the bowling alley where the goal is for them to root each other on and try to better their own scores. We appreciate the ability to use the school mini bus and look forward to next year’s adventures. Thank you again for your support

5.3 School Board Liaison Reports: None

6. Deliberations

6.1 To see what action(s) the Board will take regarding Transportation Software

Programs: Mr. Curro mentioned that we discussed this at the last meeting. He gave a brief overview of how the Alert System, Bus Routing and the GPS Systems would work. The Alert System would allow the terminal dispatch center to send an alert to parents of a particular bus route. The Routing Software would allow the District to computerize the routing process. The GPS System would allow the terminal staff and District staff to have access to the location of the buses during their route. Parents would pay for this app and be able to track the bus in real time. Mr. Curro felt this would be very helpful in inclement weather. All services are housed at STA. Mr. Curro would be looking for three different motions from the Board. Mr. Young asked for questions regarding the **ROUTING**. Mr. Curro said the first year is \$19,000 (includes the \$4,000 for annual support) then after that \$4,000/year. Mr. Laferriere asked if we were doing this by hand before and Mr. Curro mentioned yes. This would come out of the Professional Services line next year per Mr. Curro. Mrs. Reilly asked, what does the software not do? Mr. Curro said 90% of the routing software is to help with communication. Mr. Curro expected the bus company will make the routes manually and with the software. Mr. Young asked about the routing because he feels we do such a good job with it manually. Mr. Curro felt it’s the right time to invest in this software and felt it will be especially helpful for the future where the town is expanding with bigger

developments and will help with efficiency. Although enrollment has decreased – geographically the town has grown. Mr. Curro works with the bus company to set the routes now. Mrs. Hendricks asked if there are additional costs for the support – Mr. Curro said no that is what the \$4,000 covers. **Mr. Laferriere motioned to authorize to spend \$19,000 for the routing portion of the presentation, Mrs. Reilly seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

ALERT SYSTEM: Mr. Curro went over the highlights of the alert system which would allow the terminal dispatch center to send an alert to parents of a particular route. This technology allows us to instantly communicate to the parents an alert that some action may be in their best interest when planning for their student pick-up. Mr. Laferriere asked if the money is coming from same spot which will be \$1,000/year. This service is email/text and phone. **Mr. Laferriere motioned to authorize to spend \$1,000/year for the Alert System. Mrs. Reilly seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

GPS SERVICES: Mr. Curro explained how the GPS would work explaining that this would allow the terminal staff and the District staff to have access to the location of the buses during their routes. Also, an app at the expense of the family could be used to track their student buses in real time and determine within some measure of error the ETA for their student bus. Mr. Curro mentioned that at the time we looked at this before, it was too expensive. The real incentive comes with the use of the app now. This would be at the expense of the parent for \$5.00/month. Each bus would have a chip. The cost of accessing the satellite fee is \$5,750. The bus company would like us to pilot the program and the bus company would cover the cost the first year. We can easily turn this off if we don't like it. The chips belong to us. Mr. Laferriere would propose to do a survey that is sent out to parents to see if they would buy an app and use it. Mrs. Reilly realized that there is such a thing as information overload so she doesn't feel ready to commit to this annual fee. Mrs. Hendricks felt that elementary parents would like this service, but doesn't feel the GPS service is necessary. Mr. Lekas asked how the service would work in the areas of the town where the cell service is terrible. Mr. Curro said we would put it on a few different busses and run it all through town to see how the service works. Mr. Young said if parents wanted this maybe they could put it in a citizen's petition. He doesn't feel this is necessary for the district. **Mr. Young will take a motion in the Affirmative to support this. Mr. Laferriere made a motion to allocate the funds of \$5,750 annually for Synovia GPS Cellular Service to track our buses. Mr. Lekas seconded the motion. The motion failed 0-5-0.** Mr. Laferriere asked if we should move forward with the survey. Mrs. Reilly liked the survey idea with the appropriate timing. Mr. Curro said this will probably get press coverage and the parents will reach out to the district and board members. Mr. Greenberg mentioned that if we were to do the survey we should have a couple months of the alert system in place and then we can get a feel for the service and then when survey comes out they would have a better feel of what the GPS would do extra than the alert system. Mrs. Hendricks agreed with Mr. Greenberg's explanation for the survey.

Mr. Curro talked about FEMA and snow removal. He mentioned that we have been told that we will get FEMA money for 75% reimbursement of the \$97,000 we spent to remove the snow from roofs. He also felt that we will also get the 75% of the \$102,000 we spent moving the snow, but that hasn't been finalized.

6.2 To see what action(s) the Board will take regarding Food Service Program: Peter Curro and Amanda Venezia recap the Food Service Presentation that was presented at the last meeting. They discussed the National Lunch Program (NLP) and the Free Milk Program (FMP) and reminded everybody that this is only for the High School. The Department of Ed cannot give a definitive answer on what all this outcome will be. Going from the NLP to FMP will enable Food Services to get off the restrictions that Nancy Faucon presently has. We would lose the High School portion of commodities

(about \$25,000) and the High School portion of free and reduced population to the High School. \$40,000 is the portion of the free and reduced. So the questions that need to be addressed are: Does the district want to move the High School off the NLP, do we want to accept the pricing and does the district appropriate \$50,000 for renovations over the summer. The policy question is: if we move off the NLP, the High School piece loses \$40,000 of federal money the lunch program would have received and should the district appropriate this or should the user fees via ala carte pay for this loss in revenue? Mr. Laferriere mentioned that the total Federal money is about \$65,000 and Mr. Curro agreed. Mr. Lekas asked about storing the food. Mr. Curro said he is waiting for the Department of Ed to get back to him to see if we can store food at the High School if we are coming off the NLP, but our argument is we have built a central storage facility for the entire district which is housed at the High School and is built for truck traffic. Mr. Curro mentioned that they have looked at Freezer Warehouse and another dry storage facility where we could store food without incurring much additional costs. Mr. Laferriere asked if we don't do anything would Mr. Curro still be seeking \$50,000 for renovations. Mr. Curro said yes. He said participation is down from 48% (2005/2006) to 33%. That means we aren't getting the Federal money for the meal and that is cash money not in the drawer. He felt that looks and perception in the cafeteria will help with participation. Mr. Laferriere asked about the price increase to \$2.75 at the High School – if we get participation rates up what would be the cash flow. Mr. Curro felt that we would get about \$25,000 in the black as an annual return. Mr. Curro said the meals have dropped a little bit in Salem, but the ala carte sales in Salem are going through the roof. Mr. Laferriere asked about the quality of the food and Mrs. Venezia gave an explanation as to what meals she could provide without the restrictions. She mentioned the quality and quantity can go up without the restrictions. Mr. Laferriere asked Mr. Curro how he is going to pay for this. Mr. Curro hoped the \$50,000 will be donated from the district (construction services). Mr. Curro stated that no programs will be affected by this. Mrs. Reilly asked of the \$50,000 loss what percentage is from the High School and Mr. Curro said a large portion is from the High School. Prices are to go from \$2.25 to \$2.75 at the High School and he hoped to hold that price for a couple years. Mrs. Reilly was hesitant and asked if we can we go back to the old system if this doesn't work. Mr. Curro said yes we can go back to the NLP. Mrs. Reilly asked Sophia Mirageas about her thoughts since she is a student at the High School. Sophia mentioned that she brings her lunch as do her friends because they don't have time and felt that renovating the café will not bring in more students. Mr. Young asked in regard to the \$50,000 renovation donation why doesn't the district provide the working capital for this \$50,000 project but take it out of food service and that way at the end of the year if Food Services has increased then the money can come out of that. Mr. Young asked if Mr. Curro has any proformas on revenues to have a vision. Mr. Curro said he did two or three at 35%, 37% and 39% with Nancy Faucon. 37% participation would be the break even. Mr. Laferriere asked Mr. Parent if the teachers eat lunch at the High School. Mr. Parent mentioned that they do and grab something on the fly and it's convenient. Mr. Parent thought there will be a spike in sales from the teachers. **Mr. Young made a motion to see if the board would like to move the High School from the National School Lunch Program to the Free Milk Program. Mr. Laferriere moved the motion and seconded by Mrs. Hendricks. Motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Young made the motion should we set lunch program prices next year at \$2.75/High School, \$2.25/Middle School and \$2.00/Elementary School. Mr. Laferriere moved the motion and seconded by Mrs. Reilly. Motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Young asked what position the board will take on \$50,000 renovation. Mr. Young recommended that the motion allows the Food service program to appropriate \$50,000 for renovations. Mr. Laferriere moved the motion and seconded by Mr. Lekas.** Mr. Young made a motion towards a policy issue of does the district pay for those who would qualify for the free and reduced at the High School which presently is about \$40,000 and effects 31 children and put it in the operating

budget or does the program cover it and if it runs in deficit the district covers it anyway? Mr. Laferriere asked if this is a policy change. Mr. Greenberg said no. Mr. Greenberg said we have under expended our budget because the money came back, but down the road we might not have the money left at the end of year and what Mr. Curro is asking if it runs short we have the money but if there is a profit it goes back to the taxpayer. Mr. Curro said for this year run it the way we always run it and take no action. He mentioned that by the end of January we know if we need money. The consensus of the board is to leave it the way it is. Mr. Laferriere asked about changing name from Food Services to Dining Services. They left that up to Mr. Curro.

6.3 To see what action(s) the Board will take regarding Adult Ed Grant Report: Amity Ferraro. Ms. Ferraro spoke about the proposal for the grant outline of \$50,000 for the district to fund the Adult Ed program. Handout shows how they plan to use the money. This keeps technology current, qualified staff with special ed background, keeping licenses for online courses and materials to keep classes current. *Mr. Laferriere made a motion to accept the Adult Education Grant proposal for FY2015/16 as outlined in memo proposed. Seconded by Mrs. Hendricks. Motion passed 5-0-0.*

6.4 To see what action(s) the Board will take regarding Liaison Assignments: There is a Liaison Assignment Chart provided. There are some changes to the Board Liaisons assignments. Capital Improvement Planning: Young and Laferriere. Mr. Laferriere has to step down from Planning Board and will need to be approved by the Town Manager. Mr. Young hates to lose this position because they fought hard to have a school board member on this. Mr. Young decided to leave this open and talk about at next meeting.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Assessment Update – Scott Laliberte: Great event on April 15th for SATS. Attendance was very high and credit to the students and teachers. This was the first school day SAT and postponed Smarter Balance to last for the High School. Middle School and elementary finished up Smarter Balance and this replaced NECAP test. There were a significant number of parents refused to allow students to take the Smarter Balance. There was talk about make up sessions for students who missed the test during the regular testing day not the children who refused to take it. Mrs. Hendricks asked Mr. Laliberte why are some people are so upset about this test. Mr. Laliberte said on one level it raises philosophical and political concerns. Our focus in the district needs to be on the administration of the test and we are in compliance with state and federal law and jeopardize any federal funding because we don't do our job properly. Mrs. Hendricks asked if we don't comply what is the funding effected? Mr. Laliberte said we don't want to jeopardize and take any chances not complying. Mr. Laferriere asked if Mr. Laliberte has talked with other districts and what is their feedback. Mr. Laliberte felt the feedback has been positive because it's challenging and in the long term it's a great tool for assessing what our students know. He said our district is not alone and other districts are receiving the same push back. A major concern is who has access to the information. Mr. Laferriere asked why aren't we going back and lobbying about the information concern. Mr. Laliberte said he believes there is misperception about the information that is being collected. The only personal information from the test is name, grade level and unaffiliated student ID number not their state ID number. The state only stores test scores. This information has been gathered all along and is not anything new. Mr. Greenberg mentioned that New Hampshire has one of the strictest confidentiality laws on what can be done with the information. Mr. Laferriere asked how many children did not take the test. Mr. Laliberte mentions 162 in grades 3-8 in over 2,000 children. Mrs. Reilly asked, what is the consequence for not making the minimum threshold of 95%? Mr. Laliberte said nothing this year because of the transition. What about penalty in future? You could be identified as school in need of improvement and you would be subject to corrective action

and develop a plan and be subject to additional monitoring by the state. Mrs. Reilly felt we need to communicate better with the parents and what the facts are. Mrs. Reilly asked what the participation rate at the High School for SATs was. Mr. Laliberte mentioned it was 98%. Mrs. Reilly asked what percentage probably would not have taken it. Mr. Greenberg said we have been running about 70% in past years. Mr. Greenberg said this is not an assessment, but part of a year-long program. Mr. Greenberg felt there will be students that weren't even thinking about college, but will be encouraged and make the students decide to maybe apply to colleges and open up some doors. Mr. Lekas asked if a parent chooses not to have a child take the test is there a personal or academic penalty to the student down the road. Mr. Laliberte said we as a district are culpable not the student. Mr. Young asked about the SAT participation and did the 2% refuse to take the test. Mr. Parent said he did not receive any letters for children refusing to take the test. Mr. Parent thought the numbers will be consistent to refuse the test. Mr. Young asked Mr. Greenberg how many people take students out of school at the end of the year. Mr. Greenberg mentioned maybe about a dozen and this is not against the law. They get unexcused absence. Is this any different? Mr. Greenberg said no because we are obligated to give this test. The consequences fall on the school district. The laws require that students through Grades 3-8 and once in High School be assessed. This is state law and the State Board of Education implements this law. If we accept Federal money, we are required to follow these procedures. It does not serve the taxpayers of this state and the students of this state if we lose the \$200 million from the government and they say charge your local taxpayers the difference.

8. Non-Public Session

Non-Public Session requested under RSA 91-A:3, Section II (a) and (b). Please see attached Confidential Memorandum.

Mr. Laferriere made the motion to move to Non-Public Session under RSA91-A:3, Section II(b). Mr. Lekas seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote.

9. Adjournment: Public meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Muse
School Board Secretary

