

**Lenox Public Schools**  
**School Committee**  
**Town Hall, Second Floor Selectman's Room**

**February 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Munch, Molly Elliot, David Rimmmler, Robert Vaughan, Anne Marie O'Brien, Frances Sorrentino

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christine Mauro

**ALSO PRESENT:** William J. Cameron, Melissa Falkowski, Mike Knybel, Brian Cogswell and Department Chairs

**I. CALL TO ORDER. Chair; RV 6:30 pm**

**II. HEARING OF VISITORS**

- Student representatives: LMMHS – Josie Usow updated the Committee on events which have happened recently or are upcoming.
- Public comment. David Neubert—parent of First Grader and PreK students. Last year the size of PreK was doubled and it's fantastic. Should consider expanding even further.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**IV. BOARD REPORT**

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020

**MOTION by ME and seconded by AO to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 School Committee meeting. Approved 6-o. One abstain.**

- Dates for Final Superintendent Candidate Interviews. Had three candidates to go forward, one withdrew. If the committee wishes to interview more than two, we can add the next one or two candidates. AO all candidates were good, wouldn't mind adding one or two. DR would leave that decision up to the Superintendent search committee. RV: Would need two nights of interviews. Use March 2 before the School Committee meeting and March 3. If additional two candidates agree, will use the two nights. If only three then just one night.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Presentation of Secondary Budget – Mike Knybel and LMMHS Department Chairs. MK thanked Department Chairs for their budget work and for being here tonight and thanked WC and MF for the smooth budget process this year. MK presented the Administration

budget. Committee members asked questions and there was discussion regarding the MTSS program.

**Lesliejohn Roche, Art and Woodworking Budget:** Increase due to travel/conference expenses, and extra sections.

**Lesliejohn Roche**, also presented the **Music Budget**.

**Lisa Wespiser, English:** Two largest line items are books, and field trips—an increase here, due to the importance of field trips.

**Jeanne Teasdale, Health Education and Physical Education**

**Budgets:** No changes in Health line items. PE budget additional maintenance and repair costs, shifted \$\$ from Outdoor Leadership and Recreation. RV inquired about the need for new lockers in the locker rooms. Discussion ensued regarding lockers and shower facilities.

**Mike Knybel, Instructional Services Budget.** \$5000 increase for copier expense.

**Mike Jackson, Instructional Technology Budget:** Amount fluctuates yearly based on licenses up for renewal.

**David Pugh, Mathematics Budget:** Budget remains similar, software increase to replace license for several textbooks. Also, purchasing SuccessMaker, an intervention software for primarily middle school students.

**Brian Cogswell, Middle School Budget:** Not a lot of changes—field trips and year-end events. Social Emotional Learning PD.

**Brooke Kamienski, Science & Technology Budget:** Slight increase of \$3000, conference & travel, resources, materials. Entrepreneurial class has increased supply need.

**Beth Gray, Social Studies Budget:** Field trip increase (in conjunction with English) and textbooks for a new course.

**Mike Knybel, Duffin Theatre Budget (for Al Saldarini):** Al does a great job with all aspects of the theatre program. \$5000 decrease, primarily in the hardware/equipment line. Using capital funds for inspection costs. RV: Hard to say enough about the great work Al does in the theatre.

**Sam Harb, World Language Budget:** Language lab and special events happen and are budgeted for every other year. This is the on year. Revisions coming in standards for World Languages –proficiency—we have been working on this for a number of years.

**Alexis Kennedy, Library Budget:** Continue to need to replace furniture. Was budgeted but \$\$ diverted to other needs for this school year. Working with MF to use capital funds for this.

**Mike Knybel, Guidance Budget.**

**David Pugh, Athletics Budget:** Thanked MF, BC, MK, and JD for help. Developed a six year plan to replace teams' uniforms on a rotating schedule. Maintenance of fields and facilities. Updating banners in the gym.

**Brian Cogswell, Student Activities Budget:** Try to maintain funding for student activities. Student Activities software is a new expense this year. ME: For all club and activity directors -- there is a list serve through the Town Clerk to publicize activities.

**Jenn Drees, Health Services Budget:** Supply line down.

**Mike Knybel, Other Districts Budget:** Primarily transportation for students who attend other schools for vocational opportunities.

**RV:** Thank you. I appreciate all of you staying for your colleagues' budget presentations. You are welcome to stay for the MIAA discussion, but it's not required.

- Presentation of MIAA Changes – Brian Cogswell and David Pugh. BC: Current chairperson of the athletic committee for District G. Redistricting is set for next year--Lenox will be District 1, and BC will be co-chair. Berkshire County and Pioneer Valley ISAC, from Greenfield down to Palmer and Ludlow. A separate Tournament Committee is looking at restructuring the State Tournament format. Will be voted on February 28. Possible redistribution of the Divisions, as well as possibly adding a Division 5. Still maintain all/most local rivalries as a supplement to the new district leagues. Regular season scheduling will still be done by ADs between the schools.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Teaching and Learning
- School Culture and Community Relations. Scheduled for February 25.
- Governance and Leadership
- Lee/Lenox Shared
- Southern Berkshire Educational Future
- Strategic Planning. Meeting every three weeks. A number of members are doing work outside of the meetings.

**MOTION by ME and seconded by DR to adjourn. Approved 7-0.**

## **IX. DOCUMENTS IN PACKET**

- School Committee Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2020

**Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.**

Submitted by: *Amy Noble Novitsky*