

**Lyme School District
Regular School Board Meeting & Retreat
Thursday, February 13, 2020
Lyme Inn**

approved w/ changes, 2/25/20

Board Members Present: Phil Barta, Vince Berk, Yolanda Bujarski, Hayes Greenway, Matthew Hayden. Jonathan Voegelé, Becky Wipfler. Administrators: District Administrator Jeff Valence, Coordinator of Business Services Janet Mitchell, Academic Director Elise Foxall, Special Education Director Miki McGee. Recorded by Roger Lohr

1. Call to Order

Chair Jonathan Voegelé called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and introduced the agenda topics.

2. Strategic Plan Implementation

The Lyme School Strategic Plan was distributed and the Board discussed implementation ideas. It was suggested that an ad hoc subgroup could look into energy and solar technology for the school. There needs to be more understanding about the existing solar array on the school roof, and the agreement with the utility company. Contacting Bill Knight at Plainfield Elementary School was suggested; he developed the process to install a solar array on school property and was involved with the entire process in Plainfield. It was also recommended that Lyme residents (Jim Nourse, Mark Bolinger) and the Lyme Energy Committee could be involved with the school district, and the educational aspect of sustainable energy options should be incorporated. Board member Vince Berk expressed interest in working on the solar project.

Another topic that the Board discussed regarded board governance in the area of what is appropriate for the board to address and delineating the board roles and norms. There was a discussion about running the meetings, interaction with the district administration, getting information in advance of meetings, board member involvement with deliberation of the Strategic Plan, and interaction with the town Budget Committee.

3. Strategic Plan Responsibilities

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan recommendations and considered committees' and administration responsibilities for them.

B1. Measuring Success

The Communications Committee is compiling data point indicators to measure success and trends in education at the Lyme School. The Board will receive the list of these data points such as teacher activities, comparisons with other school districts assessments, alumni feedback, etc.

B2. Curriculum

The Academic Director and Education Committee would develop a system to determine the priorities.

B3. Technology

The Wellness Committee, Academic Director and Education Committee will all be involved with philosophy, practice, and professional development about technology.

B4. Differentiation

The Academic Director and Education Committee will be involved with philosophy, practice, and professional development regarding differentiation strategies, classroom practices, IEPs, and scope.

B5. Professional Development

The Board discussed the master plan for professional development at the Lyme School and how the CBA will alter aspects involving PD. The administrators will play a role and the Incentive for Teacher Excellence has \$15,000 in a budget for PD.

B6. Finances

The Finance Committee, Executive Committee and administrators are involved with the school finances.

B7. Threats to the School District

The Executive Committee and administrators are involved with becoming aware of externalities impact on the school district.

B8. Communication with Parents and Community

The Communications Committee is involved with strategies for effective communication between the school board, administration with parents and the community.

B9. Increase Engagement between the School and the Community

The Education Committee, Academic Director and Communications Committee will develop ways to establish more connections with the community.

4. Breakout Session

The Board decided to divide into groups including the High School Committee to discuss the Dresden High School tuition and the Education Committee.

The Board recessed at 6:38 PM.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded (Hayden, Barta). The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.