

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 8, 2020

Regular Meeting
Curriculum/Programs and Personnel

- I. Call to Order The Curriculum/Programs and Personnel meeting, held in the Litchfield Intermediate School Auditorium and via teleconference, was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Ms. Reardon.

Members present: Ms. Reardon, Chair, Mr. Falcetti, Mr. Malo, and Ms. Stone. Also present: Mr. Leone, Superintendent, Mr. Terzian, BOE Chair, Mrs. Kennedy, Chief Academic Officer, Mrs. Deltano, Principal Litchfield Center School, and Mrs. Hodges, Administrative Assistant, District Liaison, LPS & RSD6.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 10, 2020.

Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 10, 2020. Mr. Terzian seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

III. Communications

Mr. Leone shared a copy of the LPS Assessment Calendar Summary outlining the state and district summative assessments and testing date windows. Mr. Leone also commented the Assessment Calendar would be shared at the BOE meeting later in the evening.

IV. Public Comment

Ms. Lynn Rice Scozzafava, President of the Litchfield Education Association, commented to the committee to please consider teachers at every move made this year, as they are not well. Please be thoughtful in your work going forward regarding teachers and their mental health. Mr. Leone commented there is nothing on this evening's agenda that should, or would, impact teacher's mental health.

V. New Business

- a. Springpath – Amy Kennedy

Mr. Leone gave an overview of SpringPath; an online platform that provides an analytical dashboard using data from PowerSchool. This tool provides aggregate and student-level information based on grades, attendance, and discipline to show trends, and highlight students who may need support. The tool can also provide high school students the ability to build an academic, athletic, and extracurricular profile, search colleges and universities, and receive recommendations based on a range of criteria. The SpringPath, non-disclosure agreement; in compliance with the current state statute for student data privacy, is on the Board agenda for approval.

b. Alumni Survey Questions

The committee reviewed the Alumni Survey questionnaire for final edits before implementation. It was suggested to add a checkbox under question 3 with the option of “I am happy with my college choice, with no major declared.” Ms. Reardon also wanted to publically thank the Principal for putting together and using the alumni survey.

c. Randomized Controlled Trial for Reading Research

Dr. Caroline Wilcox Ugurlu provided an overview of reading research she would like to conduct with PreKindergarten students at Litchfield Public Schools. Dr. Ugurlu responded to questions from the committee members. After a lengthy discussion, it was suggested the research be conducted at Region 6, to avoid conflict, given Dr. Ugurlu’s role in the Litchfield community. Mr. Leone expressed his interest and support with the research project and agreed to bring it forward to the Region 6 Board of Education for consideration.

VI. Old Business

a. Name of Newsletter

Based on the community survey results, the newsletter will be named, *Litchfield Pride*, outperforming *The Litchfield Journey* by 4 votes. If Board members wish to submit an article, please reach out to Debbie Hodges at the district office. The first edition of *Litchfield Pride* is expected to be published in late November.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Agenda items for November include an early look at student performance data, an official update on snow days as remote learning days, and a discussion on bringing mental health services to our staff beyond the traditional employee assistance program.

VIII. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this committee, **Ms. Stone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem