

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Weir, Superintendent Tari Thomas, Business Manager Toni Butterfield, Board Member Becky Beno, James Noyes PUBLIC: Steve Hoyt, David Van Houten, Josiah Chamberlain

PRESENT GOOGLE MEET: Principal Sue Greenlaw Board Members: Time Fleury, Jennifer Lucas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Weir states “as Chair of the Bethlehem School Board, I find that due to the state of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.”

Chairman Robert Weir called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM Roll Call: CHAIRMAN ROBERT WEIR, JENNIFER LUCAS, TIMOTHY FLEURY, BECKY BENO, JAMES NOYES

II. PUBLIC INPUT

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David Van Houten and Josiah Chamberlain presented for the Bethlehem Energy Commission regarding the Bethlehem Solar Panel Project. Discussed was proposed sites, energy independence, financial overview, group net metering and annual cost.

Van Houten discussed a warrant article and loan that would be taken out by the town to help with the cost. Chamberlain presented the annual cost and savings; 15 year loan, cost of maintenance and insurance and the electricity savings. Savings is possible at year two mark. The school would not be asked to repay the loan, Van Houten said this would need to be worked out from the town and school.

Van Houten states that the school would need to help with access to the building for tours, help with assessing the proposals (this is recommended), and support the project. Steve Hoyt mentioned that BES could gear some education around the learning about solar energy.

Van Houten gave a financial update. He states that there is a grant for 35% of the installation cost, the Bethlehem Selectboard supports this project and has agreed to apply \$150,000 from the General Fund for this project. The remaining balance will be acquired by a loan. School would pay 10%, but the school can push that to the other accounts.

Discussion and communication will continue with the Board and The Bethlehem Energy Commission. The Bethlehem Energy Commission will continue to come to the BES School Board Meetings to give updates.

Van Houten stated that 2022 is the anticipated date for this project.

Discussion ensued.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING

[2021-02-16 Draft Public Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[2021-02-16 Draft NonPublic Board Meeting Minutes](#)

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES FOR THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021 MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTIONED PASSES.

MOTION MADE BY JAMES NOYES SECONDED BY BECKY BENO FOR THE APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16TH, 2021 NON PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTIONED PASSES.

IV. FINANCIAL

A. General Information

[BES Revenues YTD 3.12.2021](#)

[BES Expenditures YTD 3.12.2021](#)

[BES Income & Expense Summary 3.15.2021](#)

Business Manager Butterfield states that BES is in a good place to put money back into the unassigned fund balance to reduce taxes the best they can. Business Manager Butterfield reviewed the expenditures report with the School Board. Principal Sue Greenlaw states that she feels like she has a handle on this budget.

Chairman Weir thanked Business Manager Butterfield and Principal Greenlaw.

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A. General Information

[March 2021 Principal's Report](#)

Principal Sue Greenlaw presented her Principal's report. A new Paraprofessional was hired, and the Part-Time Custodian started. The number of Kindergarten classes is undetermined at this point, but Principal Greenlaw should know at the end of the month. She has called the preschools, and feels she has a pretty accurate number. The BES staff is eligible to get Covid vaccines on Friday. Enrollments are up as some children have come back since distance learning.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Annual Meeting June 9th

Superintendent Tari Thomas presented that Profile Regional has made a request that BES move their annual meeting to June 9th. Profile has their graduation and awards night that week, adding the meeting would be too many events that week. Superintendent Thomas asked the Board to consider moving BES annual meeting to June 9th instead of June 7th.

MOTION MADE BY JAMES NOYES SECONDED BY JENNIFER LUCAS FOR THE APPROVAL OF MOVING THE BES ANNUAL MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2021. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTIONED PASSES.

B. Professional Staff Nominations

[Professional Staff Nominations](#)

Chairman Weir moved this item to the end of the agenda.

C. General Information

[February/March 2021 Supt Report](#)

Superintendent Thomas presented her Superintendent Report, items include vaccination details, enrollment, school budget and annual meeting information. Superintendent Thomas, gave a shout out to Fire Chef Jack Anderson for arranging the vaccination clinic for all the schools in the SAU. She was impressed with his willingness for doing what is best for students and staff, and his willingness to work with LRH.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

The Executive Board did not meet this month.

VIII. POLICY COMMITTEE

No policies brought forward

IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION AS PER RSA 91A:3 I, II (If Needed)

MOTION TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC MADE BY JAMES NOYES, SECOND BECKY BENO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTIONED CARRIES, TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC AT 6:01 PM.

MOTION TO LEAVE NON-PUBLIC MADE BY JAMES NOYES, SECOND BECKY BENO. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTIONED CARRIES, TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:08 PM.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

B. Professional Staff Nominations
[Professional Staff Nominations](#)

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO ACCEPT THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTIONED PASSES.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Board adjourned the meeting.

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:10PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhienna Miscio
Substitute Board Clerk

A Checklist To Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to-Know Law During The State Of Emergency

As Chair of the Bethlehem Elementary School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

- a. Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Google Meet for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting by clicking on the following website address: meet.google.com/nex-eszx-wju Join by phone (US) [+1 470-273-8471](tel:+14702738471) (PIN: 887481226)

- b. Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided physically as posted outside the SAU #35 office door and on the websites of Bethlehem Elementary School and SAU #35 at: www.bethlehem.k12.nh.us and www.sau35.org

- c. Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please email Sue Greenlaw at s.greenlaw@bethlehem.k12.nh.us

- d. Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.