

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Board Members Amy Snow, Monique Alexander, Timothy Fleury, Robert Weir, James Noyes; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Kristin Franklin; Principal Shelli Roberts

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Robert Weir called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2018 MEETING

There are no questions regarding the minutes.

MOTION BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY MONIQUE ALEXANDER TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 8, 2018. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

II. FINANCIAL

Business Manager Kristin Franklin reviewed the financials and related data.

- a. Financial Report: Revenue budgeted for Medicaid is over what is actually projected to be collected. There is a \$76,800 fund balance in excess of what was projected. Warrant article for van was to spend up to \$25,000 if there was a surplus. Business Manager Kristin Franklin proposed paying cash for the van out of the current budget so there will be no multi-year commitment. \$11,000 left for window tinting. A fund balance still \$28,000 more than what was planned for a beginning balance going into FY19. Business Manager Kristin Franklin explained how BES receives Medicaid funds. Use \$7000 from FY19 for moving the oil tank. MOTION BY AMY SNOW, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO PURCHASE THE VAN OUTRIGHT FOR \$27,637 CASH AND SPEND AN ESTIMATED \$11,000 FOR THE WINDOW TINT GIVEN THE CURRENT 17-18 BUDGET. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES
- b. Lunch Prices: Business Manager Kristin Franklin reviewed lunch prices and proposed a 5 cent increase. If we do not raise the price, the school district must come up with the difference. MOTION BY JAMES NOYES, SECONDED BY AMY SNOW TO RAISE THE LUNCH PRICE FROM \$2.35 TO \$2.40. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES
- c. Fuel Bids: Pellets from Maine Energy System: \$2.34/ton, Irving disqualified themselves because the quote expired. Stiles Fuel: pre-buy \$2.56/gal, fixed price \$2.58 gal, rack price plus 32 cents. Purchased about 3541 gallons of oil and kerosene this year. Discussion ensued. Question whether we sent a bid request to CM Brown. They did not reply. \$2.56 is CM Brown's current price found online. We have used Stiles and have been happy with the price and service. Table the discussion until we get all the information.
- d. Van Decision: Purchase in cash, see "a." above.
- e. Playground Spending Approval: Business Manager Kristin Franklin reviewed playground spending. Board needs to vote to release funds that was not included in the budget (grants, fund raising, etc.). MOTION BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO APPROVE RELEASING \$48,965 FROM THE SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PLAYGROUND. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Roberts reviewed her Principal's Report and related data.

- a. Sun Safety: Principal Roberts explained the Wellness Committee sun screen policy, sunshade grant for shade structure outside. Must have policy in place for the grant. MOTION BY AMY SNOW, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO APPROVE THE SUN SCREEN POLICY. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

- b. School Size: 145, pre-school increased to 20 but overall size decreased.
 - i. Principal Roberts discussed full-day option for preschoolers entering kindergarten the next year. Half-day preschool will remain in place for students who are not of age for the upcoming kindergarten class or not developmentally ready based on teacher judgement/kindergarten readiness criteria. Exceptions: students who receive special education/related services will be recommended for all-day preschool.
 - ii. 5-6 Combination: three teachers, subject specific, similar ratio for each class. Discussion ensued.
- c. Benchmark Date: Principal Roberts explained the data. Discussion ensued.
- d. Student Support Center implementing next school year. Two staff will be working in the room ½ days. Discussion ensued.
- e. Playground install: July 24th if we have enough volunteers (50-60). Reaching out to Lowe's and similar organizations to see if they have Volunteer Day programs. Child care option? Postpone if we cannot get enough volunteers. Discussion ensued.
- f. Wooden chairs in the shed: getting rid of them was voted down at town meeting, we are not using them. Auction them off to raise money? Have students paint them as a fund raiser? Discussion ensued.
- g. Department of Education letter: Bryan Smith nominated for Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching! He far exceeded their rubric criteria.
- h. Other: none

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture made the following nominations:

- a. Staff Resignation: Mike Neveln is resigning due to family/distance to work. MOTION BY MONIQUE ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY AMY SNOW TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION WITH REGRETS OF MIKE NEVELN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES
- b. Permission to hire – summer: MOTION BY ROBERT WEIR, SECONDED BY AMY SNOW, TO ACCEPT THE HIRING OF JAMES PIERSON FOR THE SUMMER CUSTODIAN POSITION.
- c. General Information: Superintendent Pierre Couture explained that the board chair signature is needed on General Assurances, Terms and Requirements for Participation in Federal Programs in July. Robert works far from the SAU and the signature is time sensitive. MOTION BY AMY SNOW, SECONDED BY MONIQUE ALEXANDER TO ALLOW BOARD CHAIR ROBERT WEIR TO DESIGNATE TIMOTHY FLEURY AND JAMES NOYES TO SIGN GENERAL ASSURANCES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY AMY SNOW TO HIRE A PART TIME ART TEACHER AND FULL TIME GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- a. Nothing discussed.

VI. POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. Policies for First Readings
 - EHB – Data-Records Retention: Principal Roberts explained changes. Discussion ensued.
 - ILD – Non-Academic Surveys: Principal Roberts explained changes.
 - IMGA – Service Animals: Principal Roberts explained changes.
 - JICD – Student Discipline: Principal Roberts explained changes.

MOTION BY JAMES NOYES, SECONDED BY MONIQUE ALEXANDER TO APPROVE THE FIRST READINGS OF THE FOUR POLICIES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY AMY SNOW, SECONDED BY MONIQUE ALEXANDER TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

VII. NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS AS PER RSA 91A:3 I, II (if needed)

- a. Role call ensued
- b. Personnel issue that arose explained by Superintendent Couture to the board.

MOTION BY AMY SNOW, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO GO BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. No other business discussed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MONIQUE ALEXANDER, SECONDED TIMOTHY FLEURY TO ADJOURN AT 7:07 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Giarrocco
Board Clerk