

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

6-1-21 Public Minutes

Held in the library

Approved

In attendance:

Board: Bob Ouellette, Relf Fogg, Mary Collins, Sheena Robbins, and Caitlin Gelinas

Administration: Student Service Director Anne Kebler, Financial Manager Michael O'Neill, Principal James Lampron, Assistant Principal Jenn Spector.

Others present: Facilities Manager Joe Williams, Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Jean Buck

Mr. Ouellette called the meeting to order at 6:04. Those present joined in the flag salute.

Presentations

Grant for Outdoor Education

Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Buck told the Board that she has been offered a \$4,000 grant to set up an outdoor classroom as part of a course she is taking. She said this is a learning opportunity for kids, teachers and the community. The grant money is to be used for design, creation and enhancement of natural play-scapes. She said kids are more focused when they're outside. She is asking the Board to accept the grant. The classroom will be located behind the school in a designated space. She presented a power point. She told the Board that this has been a rough year and this will provide opportunities for discovery and learning. This space will also include a nature trail. Mr. Williams explained that AWWA said they would be happy to do this project with a letter of agreement signed by the Superintendent or Board Chairman. The Board reviewed the packet from AWWA showing the scope of the project, timeline, the supplies that would be needed, costs incurred and donation amount to AWWA. Mr. Fogg asked Mr. Williams to let the Board know well in advance if the project amount would run past the amount of the grant.

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to accept the \$4,000 grant from Four Winds Nature Institute. (Vote 5-0)

Non Public

Mrs. Gelinas made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to enter nonpublic session at 6:42 under 91-A-3-II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Robbins aye, Gelinas aye (Vote 5-0)

The Board returned to public session at 7:08.

Public Comment

Jess LeBar asked if the Board had any further discussion or made any decisions about keeping the Partner Program. Mr. Ouellette said that the Board had not had a discussion and the program is status quo. She said it is a very important program which uses highly trained teachers and

ABA tutors which helps many families in town. Mrs. Colbath said she wanted to say that this Board has never had a discussion about eliminating the program. Mrs. LeBar said that she heard there were some rumblings in the community that the program was too expensive and they wanted the Board to get rid of it.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Robbins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gelinas, to approve the Consent Agenda. (Vote 5-0)

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Robbins, to approve the non public minutes of 5-18-21 with any amendments offered. (Vote 5-0)

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the public minutes of 5-18-21 with any amendments offered. (Vote 5-0)

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the public minutes of 5-24-21 as presented. (Vote 4-0-1)

Reports

Principals Report

EOY Activities Update

Field Day: Wednesday June 9th with a rain date June 10th

EOY Grades-Remote Students: Grades close Thursday 6/10, Report cards get mailed home Monday 6/14. In Person Students: Grades close Wednesday 6/16, Report cards go home Friday 6/18

Step Up Day: Friday, June 18. Buttoning up details at tomorrow morning's staff meeting

Graduation: Scheduled for Saturday June 19. Parade starting at the Ballfields @ 1:30 followed by an outdoor ceremony at Paul School.

Summer School: Invitation letters have been sent out

NHSAS Update: Classrooms will be done testing by the end of this week and the following week will be for students who need to make up sections. Testing window closes NHSAS June 11.

We've been able to accommodate remote learners with small groups.

We hosted a remote community day: Recognized outstanding students for the month of May.

Announced the winners of the Bee Bucks behavior incentive raffles, rolled out the End Strong Initiative, Classroom teachers watched the video with their students or posted it for them to watch at their leisure. It's also posted on YouTube and our school's Facebook page.

Mr. Lampron was nominated by his peers as the Outstanding Staff Member for the month of May.

Thanks for the before and after school supervision: Meghan Gregoire, Lisa Toohey, Luke Salisbury, Aaron Nason, Jodi Jones, Tracy Searles, Robbin Fifield, and Mary Soares.

Mr. Lampron shared an email he received thanking him and all Paul School staff for the great job they all did this year.

We would like to recognize the following people for helping out when called upon:

Penny Morin, Robbin Fifield, Colleen Bonnell, Michelle Castonguay, Molly Brackett, Bree Arnold, Lisa Toohey, Clayton Cyr, Jolene Welch, Cindy Trentsch, Deb Wilson, Jaden McKellar, Julie Crowley, Meghan DeColfmacker, Theresa Drum, Tammy Canney, Jenn Learned, Betsy Gorney. Thank you to Norma Joy and Katie Howard for volunteering to bring in pizza and ice cream for our 6th grade students. Thank you to Nicole Dolaher for pioneering and coordinating our 'adopt an 8th grade graduate' program. Facebook page - "Paul School 8th grade 2021" Write about your son or daughter, sports, snacks, music

Hiring Update: We've made recommendations to the superintendent for the following positions: MS Math. Still interviewing for: MS Science, MS Math, Kindergarten, Principal transition plan) Mrs. Robbins asked if Kindergarten students will be coming back to school the day after they graduate for step-up day. Mr. Lampron will check and make sure.

Old Business

Student Supervision

Mrs. Robbins wanted to thank the staff, from the Board, for stepping up and coming in early to allow earlier parent drop off. Mr. Lampron told the Board that Mrs. Buck will see the outdoor classroom through even though she has submitted her letter of resignation.

Sub-Committee Updates

Facilities RFP approval

Mr. Williams requested approval to send out two RFP's that are in the Board packet. One for the aluminum/glass door project and one for the 9 steel door replacement project. A Public Hearing will be held when bids are selected.

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the RFP's for aluminum/glass door project and the 9 steel door replacement project as presented. (Vote 5-0)

Public Comment

None

Resignations/Nominations

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gelinas, to approve the hiring of Kathleen Leonardi for 7th or 8th grade math TBD. (Vote 5-0)

No Board action was taken on the Administrative Assistant position which is still in negotiations.

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The Board returned to public session at 9:20.

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Gelinas, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary