

Wakefield School Board
11-24-20 Public Minutes
Held in the Multi-Purpose Room and via Zoom
Approved

In attendance:

Board: Relf Fogg, Mary Collins, Lino Avellani and Bob Ouellette

Administration: Superintendent Jerry Gregoire, Business Administrator Marie D'Agostino, Student Services Director Anne Kebler, Principal James Lampron, and Facilities Manager Joe Williams

Public: Parents and community members via Zoom

Call to Order

Mr. Ouellette called the meeting to order at 6:00 and led those present in person and on zoom in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Non-Public

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fogg, to go into non-public at 6:07 under RSA 91-A 3:11 (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 tax or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant 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, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)

The Board returned to public session at 9:50. During non-public they discussed positions.

Mr. Avellani made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, to seal the nonpublic minutes of 11-24-20. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)

Old Business

Budget

Line 18: No cut.

Line 22: Cut -\$2,495

Line 20: No cut.

Line 17: Tuition change to 165 students from 163 students +\$29,964

Mr. Avellani made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, for the Superintendent and Business Administrator to bring back a zero-increase budget. Roll call: Ouellette nay, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 3-1)

Mr. Ouellette made a motion to continue with the budget discussion. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Avellani, to eliminate all 2% raises for all the unaffiliated people. Roll call: Ouellette nay, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 3-1)

Old Business

Remote Learning

Mr. Gregoire announced that there was one staff member and one student with Covid. He recommended following Spaulding's plan through Martin Luther King Day. Mr. Fogg said Dartmouth Hitchcock encourages districts to stay open as it's better for the students. Mrs. Collins and Mr. Fogg wish to stay open with a remote option. Mr. Gregoire said FMLA has put another teacher out of the building. Mr. Ouellette wants kids in school as he feels it is best for them, but is it best for them now? There was a lengthy discussion. This will be on the next agenda as it's late and a lot of the parents have left the zoom meeting.

Public Comment

Mrs. Joy said that Mr. Lampron sent out a message saying whether to open school would be decided tomorrow night. Mr. Lampron said he sent an email to staff saying it will probably be decided tomorrow.

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33. Roll call: Ouellette nay, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 3-1)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting.

Priscilla Colbath
Secretary Pro Temp