

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

2-19-19 Public Minutes

Approved

School Board members present: Bob Ouellette, Tracey Kolb, Sandy Johnson, Jennifer McCawley

School Board members absent: Tani Moody

Administration, staff: Interim Superintendent Jerry Gregoire, Business Administrator Marie D'Agostino, Interim Principal Jim Lampron, Transportation Director Brennan Peaslee, Facilities Manager Joe Williams

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Ouellette opened the meeting at 5 p.m. and led those present in the pledge. Mrs. Johnson presented Mrs. D'Agostino a thank you card for her work at the Deliberative Session. Mrs. D'Agostino said it was a team effort and credited the staff and board members.

2. **NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3 II (i):** Mrs. Kolb made a motion to enter non-public session, [consideration of security-related matters related to emergency functions] seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Roll call vote 4-0: Ouellette, aye, Kolb, aye, Johnson, aye, McCawley, aye.

Mrs. Kolb made a motion to return to public session, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Vote 4-0 in favor.

3. Mrs. Kolb made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to accept a State of New Hampshire Department of Infrastructure security grant, \$49,462, of which will 80 percent paid by the NH DOE, \$39,570, The remainder of funds, \$9,892.00, will be expended from the Security Trust Fund as allowed by the Trustees; a public hearing on this expenditure will be held at the next School Board meeting. Vote passed 4-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Priscilla Colbath made a comment and Julie Crowley made a comment. Mrs. Colbath criticized the reaction from board members to her query at last meeting regarding the budget and reprimanded the members. Ms. Crowley thanked the board for all the work they put into preparing the budget; they realize it was a lot of work.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mrs. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolb, to accept the Consent Agenda [public minutes of 2.5.19, AP and Payroll Manifests.] Vote passed 4-0.

6. **REPORTS:** Mrs. D'Agostino presented her Business Administrator report and a budget update; Principal Lampron gave his Principal's Report; Brennan Peaslee gave her transportation report. Superintendent Gregoire communicated that through contacting parents of students involved in a bus accident, the SAU exposed some flaws with high school student communication. Phone numbers change, and the Spaulding students are not in the Paul School's (Power School) system. The SAU now has access to the Infinite Campus, the school information system used by Spaulding. Joe Williams gave his Facilities Report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Mr. Williams reported that the new sprinkler system going in over February break and school will be closed.
- b. Mr. Gregoire presented the updated 2019/2020 School Year calendar. Mrs. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Jen McCawley, to accept the proposed school year calendar for 2019/2020. The vote passed 4-0;

- c. Mr. Gregoire proposed discussion for the high school lottery procedure.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Policy BEDD, "Rules of Order."
- b. Mrs. Kolb read aloud an updated "Board Meeting – Rules of Procedure & Order," for first reading. The update is modeled after the New Hampshire School Board Association model policy. Mr. Gregoire noted the second reading will take place at the next School Board meeting.
- c. Mr. Gregoire, passing along information from Student Services Director Anne Kebler, informed the board of an upcoming school and community event featuring Dr. Malcolm Smith, a leading expert in civility and bullying and school violence. He will present on March 6 to meet with students during the day, and during an evening forum for parents. He will also present during a Teacher Workshop on March 22.
- d. Mrs. Johnson asked the Administration to look at the number of students in grades 3 and 4, and to proactively plan accordingly. She was concerned with the February enrollment numbers and felt we needed three teachers at each of those grade levels.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Colbath said on Jan. 11 she received an agenda for an [school board] emergency meeting to be held on Jan. 14. The law states that the reason for the emergency meeting be stated and they were not. She was told the minutes were sealed, but the minutes of nonpublic meetings must be sealed in public session and they were not. Neither was the reason for the emergency meeting stated in the minutes. She said there was no quorum as two board members left the room prior to Dr. Tyrie entering. She contends she received watered down minutes and that the meeting was not properly posted. She said it was an illegal meeting and the actions taken at the meeting could be null and void. Mr. Ouellette asked Mrs. Colbath for a list of the questions; the board will get back to her at a later date.

10. RESIGNATIONS/NOMINATIONS: Mrs. Kolb made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, to regretfully accept teacher Cindy Hawkins resignation effective April 15, 2019. The motion passed 4-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolb, to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.; members voted all in favor the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Larissa Mulkern

Administrative Assistant

With thanks for the meeting notes compiled by Principal James Lampron in my absence.