



Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

August 23, 2022

Held in the SAU Conference Room

Approved

BOARD MEMBERS		ADMINISTRATORS	
Mary Collins, Chair	✓	Anne Kebler, Chief Education Officer	✓
Brennan Peaslee, Vice Chair	✓	Frank Markiewicz, Business Administrator	
Bob Ouellette	✓	Lisa Dubois, Special Ed Director	
Sandrea Taliaferro	✓	Kristen White, Principal	✓
Robert DeColfmacker	✓		

In attendance: bus driver Bethany Whitten

Mrs. Collins opened the meeting at 6:10 with the flag salute.

Agenda Review

Mrs. Kebler said she has a resignation that was submitted the end of last week to be added to the agenda. She asked that bus routes be done early in the meeting so Ms. Whitten can get home.

Bus Routes

Mrs. Kebler said she was very thankful to the bus drivers for pulling together and working for almost two weeks to get these routes done. They worked straight through to three o'clock this afternoon. She said these will be temporary bus routes until two drivers get their CDL's. They will be testing next week. Then they have a driver that will be out for a week and a half so the new routes will not begin until after that. This will require a later start and end time to the day.

Mrs. Peaslee said if John did an earlier elementary route, he could be earlier. His first pickup isn't until 7:48 at Access Road. Maybe if he picked something closer like Perkins Hill Road.

Mrs. Kebler said every time they tried to reroute the routes there was a barrier. Mrs. Kebler said they have an applicant for bus monitor that we're hoping to convince to want to be a bus driver of a small van and that would solve our problems. Mrs. Peaslee said that one of the bus drivers won't be out of Spaulding until 7:25 because Special Ed doesn't pick up until after that.

Mrs. Taliaferro said this is just temporary and we don't have to mark our kids tardy because they got there at 8:30. Mrs. Kebler said that dismissal time would be later as well. Mrs. Taliaferro said for such a short time she thinks it's a temporary problem with an easy solution once the training is done. She doesn't see a problem with this short term change and hopefully the parents will be understanding. Mrs. Peaslee said she sees some changes that could be made to get the buses here earlier. If you wanted to get John here earlier according to the numbers, you could put more students on the black route. You have 77 passenger buses. One driver is coming down rt. 16, why isn't she coming over and doing Stoneham Road and saving that time? The numbers work.

She doesn't have a high school route so she can start a few minutes earlier than him. So why wouldn't she be doing the rest of the stuff off rt. 16 to take some of the pressure off of John? Ms. Whitten said she's also going to be part of Parks and Rec pickup. Mrs. Peaslee said she can do them as part of her route, it's a 77 passenger, there's plenty of room for more than 42 kids like most of these routes have. There should be sixty to sixty five kids on each of these buses. Mrs. Peaslee said these are just my suggestions. We're wasting time not putting the number of kids that the bus can handle. It's not Covid anymore. Mrs. Kebler said she has to post something tomorrow and these routes are temporary. Mr. Ouellette said yes temporary.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to approve the bus routes as they sit tonight. (Vote 4-1)

Mr. DeColfmacker asked the time frame. Mrs. Kebler said middle of October. Mrs. Peaslee asked how many high school feeder buses are there? Ms. Whitten said we have one that meets with John as he has the furthest route. Mrs. Peaslee said that's another way we could get the kids here sooner, if we had more feeders. When we were SAU 64, we had three feeder buses. Mrs. Peaslee said that timing for Spalding has always been an issue but even with the number of drivers we have now, it's doable. She knows, because she's done it.

Mrs. Kebler asked for good notes as she is asking the Board to approve the temporary bus routes and then look at Mrs. Peaslee's recommendations. Mrs. Peaslee said she just didn't want to change the time of school. Mrs. Peaslee asked Mrs. Taliaferro if that was just the routes, not changing the times for school and Mrs. Taliaferro replied yes, we already did that and Mrs. Peaslee said but we changed them back and needed to change them for the temporary routes again. Mrs. Taliaferro said they will be tardy without being marked tardy. Mrs. Collins said that was something different.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the Consent Agenda. (Vote 5-0)

Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the 8-9-22 non public minutes. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the 8-9-22 public minutes. (Vote 5-0)

Reports

Student Services Report

Special Education Update: Summer has been a busy time with new students enrolling and others leaving, Students with special education needs received their Extended School Year services in conjunction with the Summer Enrichment Program over the four weeks in July and those

students receiving services through the Partner Program had an additional week the first week of August. We have also been actively looking to hire a Special Education Teacher/Case Manager as well as paraprofessionals and ABA Tutors. We have filled several vacancies but continue to have a need to fill more positions.

Old Business

Mrs. Taliaferro said she got a promotion and as soon as she trains her replacement there will no longer be a conflict with juvenile cases. The Board congratulated her on her promotion.

Follow Up

1. Mrs. Kebler said you can't shut down an old website, it remains on your browser. Mrs. Soares replied there is a way to do that. She has been updating the new website. Mr. DeColfmacker said when someone does a google search the old website comes up first and will that be rectified? Mrs. Soares suggested that we can update the old website and give them a link to the new one.
2. Mrs. Kebler sent a letter to Mr. Scala expression gratitude to the town, Mr. Mitchell and his crew for all the work they did.
3. Mrs. White has communicated with Juggler Jason Tardy and they will bring him in using grant funding. Mrs. White said she talked to him about a bullying presentation for the students staff and community. She said the new PE teacher does a unit on juggling.
4. Mr. Markiewicz has the draft audit report. When they have the final report. It will come to the Board.
5. Mrs. Kebler said they were able to start the food service application last week because they had to wait to get their corrective action plan approved first. Mr. Markiewicz is finishing up the food service application. He requested a waiver for the DOE25. Mr. Markiewicz is in tomorrow and we'll know how quickly we can get the end of the year numbers for the Budget Committee meeting.

Old Business

Paul School Student and Family Handbook 22-23

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the change to eliminate 'until exiting the building' on page 13 under Cell Phones, bullet 2, entering and exiting school property. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the Student/Family Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year. (Vote 5-0)

New Business

Teacher Workshop Agenda

Mrs. Kebler read the agenda for the teacher workshops being held. She invited the Board members who can make it to the welcome back breakfast tomorrow morning and said the theme for the year is promoting kindness and respect.

PTA Committee Member

Mrs. Collins asked about having a representative from the Board to the PTA to keep the lines of communication open and to report back to the Board. Mrs. Taliaferro offered to be that Rep.

Policies 1st Reading

Policy JFAD -revise-

Mrs. Kebler said they had waived the preschool tuition because of Covid and had to limit non identified students. The policy committee has decided to continue with tuition. She would like to send this back to the Policy Committee because the person that oversees preschool had a lot of good questions about tuition, payment, absences and snow days.

Nominations. Hires, Resignations

Mrs. Peaslee asked to have an FYI when current staff are moved to a different position within the school.

Mrs. Taliaferro asked about some missing information on the hiring sheets. Mrs. Kebler said that she was on vacation and will be meeting with those two individuals to assign applicable tracks and pay. These positions have previously been planned and budgeted. Speech Assistant is listed under Paraprofessional.

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to accept the nomination of Tammy Canney as a Speech Language Assistant. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to accept the nomination of Danielle McKellar as an In School Suspension Paraprofessional .

(Mrs. White said when no students are in ISS she will be assigned to other duties) They are hoping not to have to use the ISS person everyday like last year but we know there are areas where we will need her daily. Mr. Kebler said we now have a budgeted inhouse substitute who will report to the school on a daily basis. Her name is Kim Hurley and we already know that she'll be substituting at the beginning of the year for an ABA Tutor. We are still looking for ABA Tutors. We have a teacher going out on maternity leave and if we don't find a substitute teacher Ms. Hurley will be in for her. She said as we approach the budget this year, we need to decide what to call this position and have a job description.

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to accept Jaden McKellar as an ABA Tutor. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Kebler passed out Policy GOQC Resignation of Instructional Staff Member.

She said she had received a resignation from Kate Kelly who was to be the Title 1 Coordinator this year. She resigned to take a Special Ed Teacher position in Rochester. A classroom teacher is also a potential resignation. She said we did accept a resignation this year right after July 1st. Mrs. Kebler has had a conversation with the Superintendent and the Resource Director and let them know school was opening tomorrow. They indicated that they will still bring this person to their Board on Thursday. They said we can advertise and they understood that we would keep her until we filled her position. If the second grade teacher resigns we will have two second grade classes with thirty students.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to follow the policy and keep Ms. Kelley on until we can actually fill the position. (Vote 3-2)

Mrs. Kebler read Mrs. Kelly's letter of resignation submitted on August 18th.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion to amend his previous motion to read as follows: Given the needs of our school he would like to have this persons position held until a replacement is found with a new contract written and signed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Collins. (Vote 4-1)

This policy and the Kingswood Lottery policies will be going to the Policy Committee.

Adjournment

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary