

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL BOARD  
1-11-21 Public Minutes  
Held in the Multi-Purpose Room and via Zoom  
Approved

In attendance:

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

Administration: Superintendent Jerry Gregoire, Business Administrator Marie D'Agostino, Student Services Director, Anne Kebler, Principal James Lampron, Assistant Principal Jenn Spector all via zoom  
Facilities Director Joe Williams.

Public: Holden Turbitt, Sheena Robbins and 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.

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg, to enter nonpublic session under 91-A-3-II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. and (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

The Board returned to public session at 8:55. During non-public session the Board interviewed two people for the empty School Board seat and hired a staff member.

**Default Budget**

Mrs. D'Agostino went over the Default Budget which is the School Boards budget. It is developed by taking last years budget adding any contractual obligations and deducting any one-time expenditures. This Default Budget is based on V3 of the operating budget. \$500 for library equipment was added into the default Budget. \$850 was subtracted for furniture. \$3,000 was added for legal expenses. \$45,700 was deducted for operations and maintenance for special projects. \$1,217 was added for regular transportation. This makes a decrease of \$41,833 from the budget.

Article #4 Operating Budget

This number has to be grossed up by the grants and food service. The operating budget is \$10,732,569. You must add in the expected grants and food service of \$550,000 to the operating budget and that gives you a total of \$11,282,569.

Mr. Gregoire said the Warrant Articles had to be renumbered because there was no agreement with the Paras. Article #14 has been added to a Warrant Article in case the software conversion doesn't happen this year. Mrs. D'Agostino said there are three Warrant Articles that have to be discussed and voted on tonight. Article #4, #13 and #14. Mr. Fogg explained that some Budget Committee members were concerned that the School has a function for maintenance and it appeared in the Warrant Article. Mr. Fogg and Mr. Ouellette both thought it was a good idea to rewrite the warrant article excluding the word maintenance.

**Mr. Avellani made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg to approve Article #13 as it is now written. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

**Mr. Avellani made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fogg to approve Article #14 as presented. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins nay, Fogg nay, Avellani aye (Vote 2-2) motion failed**

**Mr. Avellani made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve Article #4 as presented. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

**Mr. Avellani made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins to renumber the articles, as necessary. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

**Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Avellani to approve the Default Budget of \$11,240,736. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

#### MOA

**Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to reconsider the Memorandum of Agreement with the teachers and paras. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani abstain (Vote 3-0-1)**

Being on the prevailing side back in September Mr. Fogg would like to have a discussion and can't do so without a motion to reconsider. Mr. Fogg TA'd the agreement then voted against it at the Board meeting. Mr. Fogg said after trying to take this back to the table the Union decided to take it to the Labor Board. He said I can not defend my actions, my actions were, after I agreed to go in an TA some documents in Bob's place I voted against the MOA. Most negotiators would understand that they can not do that, which I did not. Because of the ramifications of my vote and the approval of the MOA that's being currently applied would be a proper way to rectify the damage that I've done. My inexperience in negotiating process and my understanding of a tentative agreement and the signing of a tentative agreement would be.

**Therefore, I (Mr. Fogg) will offer a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement from back in September. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins nay, Fogg aye, Avellani abstain (Vote 2-1-1)**

#### **Non-Public**

**Mr. Fogg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application**

**filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with anybody or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph at 9:16. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

The Board returned to public session at 9:18

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion seconded by Mr. Avellani, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye, Avellani aye (Vote 4-0)**

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting.

Priscilla Colbath

Secretary Pro Temp