



# Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

December 20, 2022

Held in the Paul School Library

Approved

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

**Others Present:** Relf Fogg, James Elliott, Katie Howard, Caitlin Gelinis, Kaitlin Spencer and Cara McNevech

## **Agenda Review**

Mrs. Collins said under Policies, Policy IJLL was not correctly lettered. It should be IJL-R, Policy IJLL is part of IJL.

## **PTA Update**

None

## **Public Comment**

Mrs. Gelinis expressed her thoughts on what was being said on social media about censoring or banning books at Paul School.

Mrs. Collins explained to Mr. Fogg that each person was allotted three minutes to speak until everyone had their chance to comment. Mr. Fogg said this board is embracing fraud and incidents of deception and being dishonest. Mr. Elliott is concerned with transportation and communication and the superintendents qualifications. Mrs. Collins explained that he could not discuss an employee in public. He apologized and said he was also speaking for other parents. Mrs. Collins said if he, or other parents have a complaint this has to be done in non public. Mrs. Peaslee asked if they could email the Board with a complaint. Mrs. Collins said they could email the Board first and then ask to be put on the agenda for the Board to discuss as a whole.

Mrs. Spencer was concerned with the wait time for kids outside when there is a driver out. She said neither she nor her husband received a phone call. She asked about dropping kids at the school earlier like they did last year when the buses would be late. She said the kids were able to come into the school at 6:45. Mr. Fogg, speaking about corruption, said you will always see me at a Board meeting when I sense corruption in the district. He told the Board that it was against the law to wait 16 weeks for a 91-A request. He told the Board they are culpable for accepting such activity. He spoke of vehicle inspection reports. He said you have a collective bargaining

agreement that spells out procedures for guidance among the staff and you have to follow that CBA. Mrs. Gelinas went on to say that parents need to be responsible for what they are signing and that the Library Media Specialist is professionally trained. Mr. Elliott is concerned with Infinite Campus not working correctly and phone call homes if a student is absent. Mrs. White said that has been rectified. It did happen at the very beginning of the year. Mrs. Kebler said, we are very close to having Infinite Campus running as it should, saying it has been as frustrating for her as it has been for parents. Mrs. Taliaferro said this was a system put in place by the previous superintendent and it has taken awhile to get this and the other changes she made all worked out. Mrs. Kebler said we have a new technology plan, and Infinite Campus was not communicating with Food Service. Mr. Elliott said if you have Scam Shield on your phone you won't get phone calls.

Mr. Fogg asked for the answer for this following question at the next meeting. Ed 503.02 makes sure that this district has certified teachers. Are you aware of recent hires that have been employed for more than 20 days and are not certified? He said he already knows the answer to this question.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the 12-6-22 public minutes. (Vote 4-0-1)**

### **Reports**

#### **Students Services Report**

Mr. DeColfmaacker asked who are the three new staff members? Mrs. Kebler said contracted services.

### **Old Business**

#### **Judith A. Nason Scholarship**

Mr. Ouellette said the number is now under \$10,000. He asked if the Board wanted to make the scholarships \$2,500 over the next four years. He asked for Board members suggestions. Mrs. Peaslee would like to know what process Robbie Nason would like for the application process.

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to take the \$10,000 and divided it among four Wakefield seniors over the next four years with the permission of Rob Nason. (Vote 5-0)**

Mrs. Kebler will contact Mr. Nason to see if he's ok with this motion. The Board would like to know if this will entail an essay, community service or an idea of his.

### **Warrant Articles**

Mr. Markiewicz asked if there were three Board members up for three years terms. There were some questions as to if that number is accurate. Mrs. Kebler will contact the School District Clerk.

**Article #2** Mr. Markiewicz told the Board that the Budget Committee did not vote on the

operating budget. There were questions about the tax impact and that will be presented to them prior to the Public Hearing,

**Article #3** approved by the Budget Committee (Vote 11-0)

**Article #4** not approved by the Budget Committee. They sent it back to the Board with a recommendation of increasing the amount to \$90,000 instead of \$75,000

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to change Article #4 from \$75,000 to \$90,000. (Vote 4-1)**

**Article #5** approved by the Budget Committee (Vote 11-0)

**Article #6** Mr. Markiewicz told the Board that after much discussion the Budget Committee would like the Board to consider removing this article in the amount of \$30,000 from the warrant and creating a new Warrant Article in the amount of \$75,000 for the paving of 76 Taylor Way. Mr. Ouellette would like to keep Article 6 and make it for \$15,000.

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to remove Article 6 from the warrant. (Vote 5-0)**

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to add a new Article 6 for \$75,000 to the warrant, to repair and pave Taylor Way. (Vote 5-0)**

Mr. Markiewicz said he would be more than happy to meet with the Chair and a few Budget Committee members to go over his calculations before the 5:30 meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board felt that it was a good idea for him to meet with some Budget Committee members and explain how it's been done the last four years.

### **New Business**

#### **Superintendent Evaluation**

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to meet in non public on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the collective evaluations. The following Board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> the Board will meet with Mrs. Kebler in non public.

#### **Policies**

IJL Mrs. Collins explained that the policy has been corrected with Ms. McNevech's help. She explained the changes. Mr. DeColfmacker asked if there was a selection process. Ms. McNevech said on page 39 there are the criteria for selection, why books are being recommended and brought to the library and why are they chosen based on professional reviews. She also explained her other options for finding out about books. Board members discussed what was posted on social media. Mr. DeColfmacker said the whole thing was taken out of context. Mrs. Taliaferro asked to table the policy. Mrs. Collins tabled all the library policies, until the Board members have more time to read them all.

BHE: School Board Use of Email and Other Electronic Communication. (First reading) Under General, they are adding 'the Board will only use their assigned SAU email for official school

business and not your personal email'. Mrs. Peaslee would like to add to B. 'ever comment or interaction'.

Mr. Ouellette asked about getting rid of the old SAU website. They asked about editing the names on the old site and adding a link to the current website.

#### **Nominations/Hires/Resignations**

Mrs. Kebler said she had two that came in after the packet went out. One is from our Business Administrator effective February 4<sup>th</sup>. The second resignation is from Dino Scala for school moderator.

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette with regret, to accept the resignation of Business Administrator Frank Markiewicz. (Vote 4-1)**

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette with regret, to accept the resignation of School Moderator Dino Scala. (Vote 4-1)**

Mrs. Collins continued Public Comment.

Mr. Fogg said the Board can not demand that Board members use their SAU email. He said it was unconstitutional. Mr. DeColfmacker told Mr. Fogg to be careful using constitutionality. It's not unconstitutional to mandate using the SAU email. His company mandates their employees to use the assigned email only. An audience member asked if Parents see the Superintendents evaluation. Mrs. Collins explained it's between the Board and Superintendent. Board member told her that parents could email Board member with any complaints or suggestions or something positive. The audience member asked how parents would know they can do that. Mr. DeColfmacker clarified this by saying there is a process in place and you can start with the principal, you can email School Board members and we can have a discussion. He said we will be doing another parent forum and hope parents show up this time. Mr. Fogg feels people should have the second opportunity to speak.

#### **Non Public**

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to enter non public under RSA 91-A 3:11 (c). Roll call Vote: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, DeColfmacker aye, Taliaferro aye, Peaslee aye.**

The Board re-entered public session at 8:59.

#### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 (Vote 5-0)**

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath  
School Board Secretary

