



# Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

March 21, 2023

Held in the Paul School Library

Approved

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

Mrs. Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00.

## **Others Present:**

Rob Hewins, Kaitlin Spencer, Ryan Manning, Chris McKay, Relf Fogg, Sandy Ouellette, Katie Howard and Mary Soares from Clearview TV.

## **Agenda Review**

Mrs. Kebler said the Calendar was worked on until yesterday so they weren't in the packets. Add sealed minutes under non public.

## **Public Comment 6:40**

Mr. Hewins from the Wakefield Conservation Commission said he would like to speak about some information gathering that the Commission has done and the emails that took place this past week in regards to the community solar farm idea on Rines Road. He said he was shocked and surprised to receive the email because the Commission was operating under the assumption that there were some mutual conversations that allowed us to look into the possibility that this might be a good idea for the school and town. What we did as a commission was to do some limited research and information gathering. That's all we did. He believes the Board would be pleasantly surprised about the information they got.

I was surprised to receive a letter telling us to cease on something that there has been some talk about in the past. It's actually quoted that a portion of the property could be used as a solar farm to show the students green energy. It sounds like it could be beneficial to a lot of people. He said there was a final email for a Right to Know 91-A demanding information that we'd be happy to give you. He said demanding information is an unproductive way to get information. The productive way is to cooperate. We're not looking to take control of the development. It should

be an all inclusive project. He said if the door is shut on this he hopes it's not locked. He ended by asking what is the opposition to this idea.

The Board decided before an answer is given the Board should discuss this first. Mrs. Peaslee said she did not know what he was quoting and Mrs. Taliaferro asked for a copy of the attachment that she didn't receive.

Mr. Fogg said regarding the minutes you're possibly approving tonight in the public comment section it didn't reflect that I was asking about a forestry report. He said he received an email from Mrs. Collins. He said the email conversation between Mr. DeColfmacker and the Commissioners didn't seem to be forward to the School Board members.

He said the 91-A request sought information about the discussions among the Commission members but didn't seek discussions at the School Board level that had been ongoing since May 7, 2019. He said there have been numerous conversations. He said the voters in the district supported the idea of utilizing the property in unison with the water precinct. If they didn't vote in the affirmative at that time he wouldn't be receptive to this idea.

### **Presentations**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the non public minutes of 3-7-23. (Vote 5-0)**

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the public minutes of 3-7-23. (Vote 5-0)**

### **Old Business**

#### **School hours 22/23**

Mrs. Kebler said she spoke with Nate Green at the DOE and all of our blizzard bag days count. The 80% participation is an old rule. The words blizzard bag is not used anymore. It's a remote day. There were a total of twelve days out of school. We were able to count a snow day which was an early release day and the five blizzard bag days. Also, the low participation rate for the bullet incident and the emergency day when the pipes burst. We will have a full day through the 19<sup>th</sup> and an early release day on the 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school.

### School Calendar 23/24

Last year the school calendar was done in hours which made it difficult to calculate. This year it will be in days as recommended by the DOE. Start the year with 180 days and if you need to move into hours then you contact the DOE. The calendar has been reviewed by the union. It is draft form and if the Board would like to approve it they will move it along. This calendar matches with Spaulding including a couple of the teacher workshop days.

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to approve the 2023/2024 School Calendar with amendments. (Vote 5-0)**

### ESSER Stakeholder Survey

Mrs. Kebler said she has been working on a report to the DOE about the use of ESSER Funds and has found that they need to send out a new stakeholder survey to the community, staff and students to get suggestions on how to use the funds. They will have both a paper and electronic version. She asked for feedback from the Board on any additional questions they would like to see on the survey. She recommended that after the survey is completed that a committee be formed to figure out how to use the rest of the ESSER money.

They will dedicate time at a staff meeting for them to do the survey. She really wants students voices. She hasn't yet figured out how to make the survey student friendly but is working on that. The Board had many ideas including items for the outdoor classroom and indoor recess and will send their suggestions to Mrs. Kebler. Mrs. Taliaferro had some suggestions for language changes for the student survey. Mr. DeColfmacker asked how this will reach the community. Mrs. Peaslee said we need to invite the community in and have more recognition of our students like we used to have, Curriculum Fairs, craft fairs, art show, International Fair etc.

The DOE does a "603 Survey" which helps students with disabilities respond to how they feel their programing is going. This is another survey that was recommended be done at a staff meeting. It is an overall look at the culture of our building and how people feel about what's going on in the building. It also goes out to parents.

### AREA Agreement Board Meeting

The Area Agreement Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. They would like to know what the Board would like on the agenda.

1. Talk about changing the number of students who can attend schools other than Spaulding.

Mrs. Taliaferro believes that if parents and students attend this meeting it could help. Mrs. Peaslee asked to have the student numbers from 1974. Mr. DeColfmacker agreed with Mrs. Peaslee and Mrs. Taliaferro to gather as much information as possible and be prepared to speak on this issue.

2. The sports sidebar that was discussed by a coach and Rochester School Board member and the Board. Mrs. Kebler will email the AREA Agreement to each Board member. The Board would

like to know if there is an end date to the agreement. The Board agreed they should look at all options to benefit the students and parents of Wakefield. Mr. Ouellette said if any Board members have any questions to email them to Mrs. Kebler by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to approve the leave of absence for Karen Stone. (Vote 5-0)**

Mrs. Kebler said to clarify, the only staff voted on by the Board are certified staff. Support staff and unaffiliated staff are FYI. From now on she will separated the packet to reflect the difference.

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to approve the leave of absence for Karen Stone. (Vote 5-0)**

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to welcome back Penny Huckins as Title 1 Teacher. (Vote 5-0)**

### **Non Public Session**

**Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to enter non public under RSA 91-A 3:II (c) at 7:03. Roll call: Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Taliaferro aye, Peaslee aye DeColfmacker aye. Vote: (5-0)**

Mrs. Colbath left the room and returned at 7:35

The Board re-entered public session at 8:25.

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins to seal the minutes of the non public session until 3-21-33. Roll call Vote: (5-0) Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Taliaferro aye, Peaslee aye, DeColfmacker aye.**

### **Adjournment**

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 (Vote 5-0) Ouellette aye, Collins aye, Taliaferro aye, Peaslee aye, DeColfmacker aye.**

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath  
School Board Secretary

