

Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

December 19, 2023

Held in Paul School Library

Approved



BOARD MEMBERS		ADMINISTRATORS	
Mary Collins, Chair	✓	Anne Kebler, Superintendent	✓
Bob Ouellette, Vice Chair	✓	Frank Markiewicz, Business Administrator Via Zoom	✓
Brennan Peaslee	✓	Sarah Howard, Special Ed Director	
Sandrea Taliaferro	✓	Norma DiRocco, Principal	✓
Robert DeColfmacker		Ivy Levitt-Carlson, Assistant Principal	

Those Present: Mary Soares from Clearview TV

Mrs. Collins led those present in the salute to the flag at 6:00.

Presentations/Public Hearings

Reports

Eighth grade student and class officer Jaden Toussaint gave an overview of the school happenings and all the things the eighth graders have been up to like fund raisers. He said his class has almost raised enough money for a third day for their Boston class trip.

Administrators Report

The months of November and December have been busy here at The Paul School. During the month of November our teachers hosted parent teacher conferences. On conference night families were able to learn about their children's academics, shop at our family clothing drive and support our 8th grade students by purchasing items from the bake sale. The annual turkey trot was a success at the Paul School. Our students collectively ran over 20 miles. It was a great event and students were excited to run as many laps as possible. A huge shout out to Lovell Lake who provided turkeys for our school to raffle to students and staff members. In December, the holiday concert was a wonderful event for families in our primary grades. Mrs. Sullivan conducted a beautiful event that truly got our school into the holiday spirit. We look forward to celebrating our students continually in the winter and spring. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our students in this last week of school.

In the building \we have been highlighting the letter "P" and "A" from our PAWS statements. In the month of November, we Practiced Safety in all areas of the school and in December students have been showing the qualities of Acting Responsibly. Each week students are tasked with a new challenge and at the end of the week a grade level is chosen as the winner. Mrs. Nason has

been working with her eighth grade students to help develop videos of each PAWS statement to help our staff and students know the expectations. Each month our Panther of the month is also awarded based on the PAWS statements. This is supporting our Tier I interventions and driving our strategies for improvement.

If anyone in the community is looking to give back to our students and school we are looking for angels in the community to donate to our students in need of lunch program assistance. To support students please send cash to the school or checks made out to Paul School Food Program. We appreciate any donations as do our families in need. As we close in on another year I am filled with gratitude. I am eternally thankful to the staff, families, community and students for their endless amount of support. It is with great pride that I get to witness the beauty of education each day. I personally wish everyone a happy holiday season and wonderful new year.

Facilities Report

Mrs. Taliaferro updated the Board on facilities. There are forty one outlets for water. Six more faucets have been purchased. The Facilities Manager is going to retest the whole building. If we still have some that test high some may be eliminated. All outlets will be conditioned this time. (water running for 20 minutes) A grant to replace all cameras, inside and out plus the buses has been applied for and we are on the approval list. Four outside doors will be replaced and a large window will be installed in the kitchen door. Paving of Taylor Way will take place in June. There will be no change in the price. The Facilities Manager is working on a quote for the outside pavilion. Deep cleaning will take place over Christmas break.

Agenda Review

Ratification of the teacher's salary on the next agenda.

Public Comment

Mrs. Soares told the Board that sign ups for elected positions begin soon. Mr. Markiewicz said it begins January 24th to Friday February 2nd at 5:00.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the consent agenda. (Vote 3-1)

Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the session 1 non public minutes of 12-5-23. (Vote 4-0)

Mr. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the session 2 non public minutes of 12-5-23. (Vote 4-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the public minutes of 12-5-23. (Vote 4-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to approve the public minutes of 10-17-23 with corrections. (Vote 3-1)

Old Business

Bus Sale Update

Mr. Markiewicz said he posted an ad in two places for the two buses and there have been no offers. He will contact a company that sells used bus parts to see if they are interested. No one will take them as a trade in.

New Business

Para Ratification

Mrs. Taliaferro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette to approve the Paras Warrant Article. (Vote 4-0)

Review of Warrant Articles

There was a discussion about Article 10 and whether to keep this warrant article or add money to an existing warrant article such as Building Maintenance or Asbestos abatement and Room Renovation. The Board decided to keep the new warrant article and change it to classroom renovations instead of flooring.

Mr. Markiewicz told the Board that the Budget Committee said that the items in this article should be in the operating budget. Using this warrant article would be a nightmare for the Trustees requesting money for small items like switches.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to delete Article 11 the Computer Trust Fund. (Vote 4-0)

Mrs. Taliaferro made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to approve Article 4. (Vote 4-0)

Committee Updates

Wellness Committee

Mrs. Kebler told the Board that that the Wellness Committee has instituted the 64 Days of Hunger with backpacks sent home with students. Recess lesson plans are being made for indoor as well as outdoor recess. The nurse has started a staff challenge for weight loss.

Culture and Climate

This group is trying to improve the culture and climate. They recently had pizza from the Poor People's Pub.

Tech Committee

These minutes are incomplete and will be on the next agenda.

Joint Loss Committee

Mr. Ouellette said this committee meets quarterly. He said he's happy he's on this committee and they are able to accomplish a great deal.

Mr. Upton will be discussing the gym floor with the Board at a meeting in January.

Adjournment

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 (Vote 4-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary