



Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

January 30, 2024

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: Administrative Assistant Ashia Roy and Mary Soares from Clearview TV

Mrs. Collins turned the meeting over to Mr. Ouellette as she had no voice. He led those present in the salute to the flag at 6:00.

Agenda Review

Mrs. Kebler added a nomination for a Special Ed teacher.

Add Food Grant for \$4,086.

Add Warrant Articles with explanations.

Mr. DeColfmacker added report on AREA Agreement meeting.

Public Comment

Reports

Administration's Report

It is a new year at The Paul School and we are excited to be back and working together. Starting into the new year the administrative team has been working to create a concrete schedule of dates and times where teachers can learn together. On January 22nd, the staff will get together for a teacher workshop day. On this day the staff will take part in a two hour suicide prevention training, look at data and begin to develop and align instructional practices. The 22nd will also be the staffs inaugural Crock Pot Cook Off. Staff members can either pay to participate or pay to eat the delicious meals that other staff members create. All proceeds from our event will go towards assisting family lunch debt.

Ski program has started and we are excited to have snow in the forecast. About 35 students participate in the program and it will run for the next five weeks. Clubs have started after school and students have been excited to participate in all different activities. Currently we have running, drama, 3D printing, word games, dungeons and dragons, board games) Lego robots,

chorus and fun and games club. We have approximately 100 students participating in our afterschool clubs. The next round of clubs will begin after February vacation.

At the end of the month students will be participating in their winter NWEA testing. We have been working with grade levels to set goals and determine best practices for supporting all students. Teachers are also working to begin work on modules for SAS testing to give students familiarity with the tools on the assessment. We look forward to sharing the incredible growth our students have made.

Committees have been working diligently on different components of supporting our school. The Health and Wellness Committee has a shared fruit bin that is available to students at the end of the day to take home healthy snacks. This has been helping to diminish food waste and create healthier options for students. The Curriculum Committee is working to identify power standards in ELA. They are also working to develop a vertical process for Science and Social Studies. In math the committee is looking at aligning standards with our resource Math in Focus

Annual Report Cover

The Board Reviewed the Annual Report Cover entries. They chose Sophia Roy's drawing to be on this years cover.

AREA Committee Meeting Report

Mr. DeColfmacker said that he and Mrs. Peaslee held their first Area Committee meeting last night. He feels it's a well rounded group of parents, grandparents and community members. He said it was mainly introductions and what everyone would like the outcome to be. Mrs. Peaslee also felt it was a good group and would like to see some staff get involved. The meetings will take place on the third Monday of the month at 5:30.

Consent Agenda

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the consent agenda. (Vote 4-1)

Meeting Minutes

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the non public minutes of 1-2-24. (Vote 5-0)

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve the public minutes of 1-2-24. (Vote 5-0)

New Business

Food Grant Permission

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Taliaferro asked for Board permission to contact a couple of people who gave a workshop they attended to see what grants may be available for Paul School. Mrs. Taliaferro would like to ask if they could come to a meeting and give us some options. It would be great if we could offer free lunch to all students. She said two of the members are staff at

Governor Wentworth School District. The name of the workshop they took was Addressing Food Access in New Hampshire.

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee, to approve Mrs. Taliaferro and Mrs. Collins to research and look further into the food grant programs and see what they come up with and possibly have them come and present. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Kebler asked the Board to decide on a \$4,600 grant brought to the Board a while back but not voted on. This grant is for locally sourced food.

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve the Local food for Schools Cooperative Agreement NHDMFA Grant for \$4.600. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins said that one of the issues we saw when we first looked at this grant in September was whether we could use local farms. Food could be sourced from all New England states. Mr. Peaslee felt that this is a benefit to our children. She doesn't believe the Board should not take these funds even if we can't access local farms. Mrs. Taliaferro asked how long it would take to get the grant. Mrs. Kebler said the grant is ready to go.

Warrant Articles – Deliberative Session

Article 2 Operating Budget

Mr. Ouellette will make the motion and Mrs. Collins seconds and speak to the article.

Article 3 Wakefield Paraprofessional Union - CBA

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mrs. Taliaferro seconds and speak to the article.

Article 4 Wakefield Paraprofessional Union – CBA

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mrs. Taliaferro will second and speak to the article.

Article 5 Special Education

Mr. Ouellette makes the motion and Mrs. Collins will second and speak to the article.

Article 6 Transportation

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mr. Ouellette will second and speak to the article.

Article 7 Replacing Boilers

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mr. DeColfmacker will second and speak to the article.

Article 8 Well Replacement

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mr. DeColfmacker will second and speak to the article.

Article 9 Replacement HVAC Units

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mr. Ouellette will second and speak to the article.

Article 10 Classroom Renovation

Mr. Ouellette will make the motion and Mrs. Collins will second and speak to the article.

Article 11 Discontinue Trust Funds

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mr. DeColfmacker will second and speak to the article.

Article 12 Wakefield Education Association – CBA

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mrs. Taliaferro will second and speak to the article.

Article 13 Wakefield Education Association – CBA

Mrs. Collins will make the motion and Mrs. Taliaferro will second and speak to the article.

Nominations/Hires/Resignations

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve Nicholas Gorman as a Special Ed teacher who will be funded by the IDEA Grant. (Vote 5-0)

Policies (2nd Reading)

BEDG – Minutes

There was a discussion about the wording in this policy. Mrs. Taliaferro said the Board voted to keep the word ‘will’ instead of the NHSBA suggestion of ‘should’. Mr. Fogg objected to changing the word from ‘will’ to ‘should’.

AC 2nd Reading

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve Policy AC. (Vote 5-0)

ADC 2nd Reading

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Peaslee to approve the NHSBA version of policy ADC. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Kebler said the NHSBA combined ABC, JICD, GBED all into ABC.

EEAB 2nd Reading

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve policy EEAB. (Vote 5-0)

Requested changes were made.

JIA

**Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to withdraw policy JIA.
(Vote 5-0)**

GBA

**Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to withdraw policy GBA.
(Vote 5-0)**

EEAEC

**Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to withdraw policy EEAEC.
(Vote 5-0)**

GBED

**Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to withdraw policy GBED.
(Vote 5-0)**

JICG

**Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to withdraw policy JICG.
(Vote 5-0)**

The following policies in the packet are all reference policies:

GBEC, EEA, JICC, JICDD, JICD, JICK, JIC, ACE, KED, ACAC

Mrs. Kebler said that the old website is completely gone. Mrs. Roy has been updating policies on the current website and they are now completed.

Follow-Up

None

Public Comment

None

Non Public

Mr. DeColfmacker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to enter non public session under 91-A:3, 11 (c) at 6:45. Roll call vote: Collins aye, DeColfmacker aye, Ouellette aye, Taliaferro aye, Peaslee aye. (Vote 5-0)

The Board returned to Public Session at 6:58.

Adjournment

**Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59
(Vote 5-0)**

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath

School Board Secretary

