

Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

June 11, 2024

Held in Paul School Library

Approved



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

Others Present: Brad Davis, Facilities Director, Max Gehring from Clearview TV.

Mr. DeColfmacker led those present in the salute to the flag at 6:00.

Agenda Review

Add non public exit interview at the beginning. Mrs. Taliaferro asked if there was a way for the Board to have a general idea what the non public are for. Mr. Ouellette said it's for one of the categories you can go into non public for. Add summer meeting place. Add policy workshop. Add Transportation review under Follow-Up

Presentations. Public Hearings

Public Hearing: To withdraw funds from the Paving of 76 Taylor Way Expendable Trust Fund

Mr. DeColfmacker opened the public hearing at 6:06.

Mr. Davis said that this is for paving and drain repair of Taylor way from gate to gate. Mr. Brock Mitchell got Clairmont Paving at a very reasonable price. The quoted price is \$58,000.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Peaslee to expend up to \$65,000 out of the Taylor Way Paving Expendable Trust Fund. (Vote 5-0)

Mr. DeColfmacker closed the Public Hearing at 6:11.

Public Comment

None

Non Public

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

The Board returned to public session at 6:54.

While in non public the Board conducted an exit interview with Mrs. Howard. The Board discussed the Transportation Director who is no longer employed with the district.

Reports

Superintendent Report

Positive happenings at the Paul School:

- Our graduating seniors came to visit our school on Thursday, June 6. They walked the halls in their graduating cap and gowns and all our students were in the hallways cheering them on. Many of our students had brothers and sisters that are graduating, so you can imagine, they were very excited to cheer their siblings on. This is a great opportunity to remind our students that even in high school Wakefield high school students are a part of our community, and help them set goals for themselves for future years. Congratulations to our graduating students both at Spaulding High School and at Kingswood High School.
- Mrs. Hurley's 5th grade class made a book for Wakefield's 250th birthday, which was published and sent to us this week. The library has a copy of it, and it has been left out for the board to view tonight. It is a great compilation of the students' writing and art work. It is the intent that one of the books will go in our time capsule when we bury it this summer. Stay tuned as to when we will be burying our time capsule.
- Our preschool playground is in the process of being built. We are very excited to be able to provide a playground right outside their door to use for their outdoor breaks! A great big thank you to Sarah Howard our Director of Student Services for building this into our special education grant, and to Brad Davis, our Facilities Manager for assisting with the coordination of this. We are excited to see this addition to our school.

The following are the definitions our staff developed last year to assist in a better understanding of the different pieces of what a curriculum entails. It is hoped that this will provide a better understanding of the part of the curriculum we look at when developing our essential standards for student learning.

Standards: Universal language that sets our foundation for our scope and practice, approached with accountability and fidelity (Essential learning targets we want our students to know and understand.)

Curriculum: Planned experiences based on grade level standards (Units of study)

Instructional Resources: Materials and people that support and enhance learning

Instructional Practices: The way information is delivered to support and enhance learning

Assessment: The measurement of student ability to show what they know in order to drive instruction

Our standards are based on the Massachusetts 2011 standards, and are broken down to form essential learning targets that we believe are essential for our students to learn. This is the part of the curriculum that is approved by the school board. The remaining definitions reflect the pieces of curriculum that our professional staff use in their teaching practice.

Mrs. Collins said she attended the Spaulding Graduation and it was wonderful. The kids were still talking about coming to the Paul school in their caps and gowns and walking the halls.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the Consent Agenda. (Vote 3-2)

Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the public minutes of May 28th. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the public workshop minutes of April 23rd. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the non public workshop minutes of April 23rd. (Vote 4-0-1)

Old Business

RFP – Upgrade VoIP Telephone System

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to accept and expend the grant funds for Kent Communications System for the upgrade of the VoIP Telephone System in the amount of \$14, 679.83. Mr. Taliaferro wondered about monthly fees. Mr. DeColfmacker said it looks like their included in the bid. (Vote 4-1)

RFP – Integrated Security Camera System

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to accept and expend the grant funds for Kent Communications System for the Integrated Security Camera System in the amount of \$34,943.50. (Vote 5-0)

New Business

Policy Workshop

Mrs. Collins said the workshop would entail all the legislative changes they received from the NHSBA updates pertaining to possible changes in our policies. The Board agreed having a policy workshop would help get some of the policies done and be able to focus on budget during budget season. They will continue to discuss a date for this workshop at the next meeting.

Summer Meetings

Summer meetings will be held in the conference room at the SAU.

Policies

IHAK Character and Citizen Education (2nd reading)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve policy IHAK Character and Citizen Education. (Vote 5-0)

IKG Awards and Scholarships (2nd reading)

Mrs. Collins said the policy committee decided to keep the initial committee so they could go over the extracurricular activities, volunteer work etc. Mrs. Taliaferro asked if that could be changed to receiving over five applications would go to the committee. If there is less we should get them as it's the Wakefield School Board Scholarship. Mrs. Peaslee asked if the community service hours paperwork should be signed off. Mr. DeColfmacker suggested a combination of both be submitted. The Board decided that the essay question would be changed for the following year at the time that the current years scholarship is awarded. After some discussion the Board decided the scholarship will be awarded to "a Wakefield high school senior". Add "include signed proof of community service hour form".

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve policy IKG Awards and Scholarships with amendments. (Vote 5-0)

Committee Updates

Culture and Climate

Mrs. Collins said that they are looking to have a fundraiser. They give out thoughtful gifts. They have cleaned out the teachers room. On June 17th there is a volunteer reception for all who volunteered this year.

Wellness Committee

End 8 Hours of Hunger was a great success. They would like some new ideas to raise money.

Nominations/Hires/Resignations

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to accept the resignation of paraprofessional Colleen Bonnell with regret. (Vote 5-0)

Follow Up

Mrs. Kebler explained the communication process to keep parents informed when a bus breaks down. Parents are always called and an email is sent. Alma is a much better system.

On the next agenda: The Board will choose a date at the July meeting for a Policy Workshop to be held in August.

Mrs. Taliaferro said back in December we were talking about contracted services and buying buses. In the December 5th minutes we talked about getting rid of the two contracted services. Mr. Markiewicz was supposed to compile a list of buses and a replacement schedule. We haven't heard anything about that since then. She said we still don't have the figure to get the rest of the fleet repaired. She wants to make sure there isn't anything on regular maintenance that still needs to be done. Mr. DeColfmacker asked if this was part of the list that was going to be discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting? Mr. Taliaferro responded yes. She said she felt it was important that this be listed out as we have no RFP for quotes for buses that need to be purchased in August. She feels we need the RFP's now in order to do this by August. She said she tried to

have a Transportation Committee meeting today but it was shut down. She is hoping that next time her meeting isn't cancelled without her approval since she's the chair of that committee. Mr. DeColfmacker asked that as decided at the beginning of the meeting can she provide this list to Mrs. Kebler and Mr. Markiewicz so they can give a proper follow up. Mrs. Kebler said we did not receive these things from the Transportation Coordinator. Mrs. Taliaferro said there were things we did not get from our BA.

Public Comment

None

Non Public

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to enter non public session under 91-A:3, 11 (c) at 7:41. Roll call vote: Collins aye, DeColfmacker aye, Ouellette aye, Taliaferro aye, Peaslee aye. (Vote 5-0)

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:58.

Adjournment

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary