Wakefield School Board Public Minutes



July 9, 2024 Held in the SAU Conference Room Approved

| BOARD MEMBERS | | ADMINISTRATORS | |
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| Robert DeColfmacker, Chair | 1 | Anne Kebler, Superintendent | |
| Bob Ouellette, Vice Chair | ✓ | Frank Markiewicz, BA | 1 |
| Mary Collins | 1 | Carol Keenan, Student Services Director | 1 |
| Brennan Peaslee via Zoom | ✓ Norma DiRocco, Principal | | 1 |
| Sandrea Taliaferro | 1 | Ivy Levitt-Carlson, Assistant Principal | 1 |

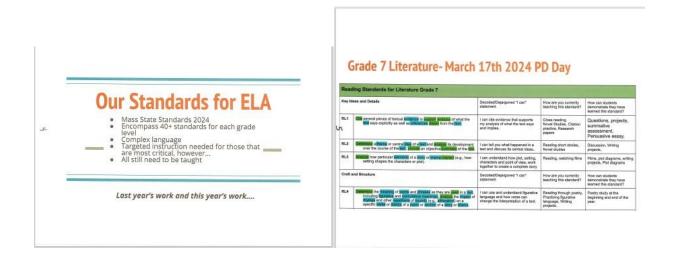
Others Present: John Powers, Joe Jewell and Mary Soares of ClearView TV. Mr. DeColfmacker led those present in the salute to the flag at 6:05.

Agenda Review

Mrs. Colbath asked that the sealed minutes of 6-26-24 be added to non public.

Presentations, Public Hearings

<u>Curriculum Presentation – Mrs. Levitt-Carlson</u>



Grade Span Documents

| | Standard RL-2 | I Can Statement-Initial | I Can Statements |
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| Pre- K | With prompting and support, retell a sequence of events from a story read aloud. | I can put events from a story in order. | |
| | | | At our next curriculum |
| Д | With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details. | I can retell a story I know. | meeting we will examine whole-faculty feedback on these to create a guide on how to do this work. |
| 1 | Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. | I can retell stories using important details. | |
| 2 | Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. | I can recount stories (including fables and folktales from diverse cultures) and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. | |

Our Paul School Definitions

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

∞ Standards: Universal language that sets our foundation for our scope and practice, approached with accountability and fidelity

Instructional Resources: Materials and people that support and enhance learning

Curriculum: Planned experiences based on grade level standards

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

This year's work

- Continued fluency with our definitions
 Identification of Power Standards as a whole staff

- Started with Spaulding and what students will need to demonstrate as they move through their first two years of ELA instruction
 Rolled those backwards through all of ours
- Asked staff to examine and add additional power standards as needed

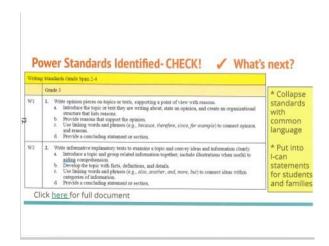
What it looked like

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Overview of our Power Standards Identification





Mrs. Levitt-Carlson gave a presentation about the work the Curriculum Committee had done over the year and what they plan to complete over the summer and the next school year. She explained that they have been working on standards to put them in understandable language. They are aligning the curriculum with Spaulding's. They are working on making the documents user friendly with universal language. Mrs. Levitt-Carlson praised the committee for their hard work. She was pleased to have so many experts on that committee. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Taliaferro, who served on that committee, said they were very impressed with the committee and the work they had done.

Public Comment

None

Reports

Discipline Report

Mrs. Levitt-Carlson presented graphs for the Board showing the marked improvement in discipline this year. Bus behavior also significantly improved over last year. They have procedures in place and an intervention team. Tier 1 and 2 have been strengthened. Tier 1 supports everyone and Tier 2 supports the individual. Mrs. Taliaferro asked if a student goes to the office do they get a write-up. Mrs. Levitt-Carlson said they do. The teachers and staff handle minor behavior incidents.

Facilities

Mr. DeColfmacker said that Paving of Taylor Way will begin next week. The shed will be demolished. The RFP for the customizable building will go out soon. The flooring for the kindergarten and partners room will begin August 12th. The kindergarten playground is here and will be erected. Inspections have and continue to take place. Mrs. Taliaferro said the Facilities Manager would like to replace the gym divider curtain and motor and the bleachers. The skirting on the modulars needs replacing.

Finance

Mr. Markiewicz said that at the moment we are still receiving invoices and the Spaulding tuition needs to be paid. He said right now we have approximately \$292,000 underspent but that could change. Typically, it's mid-august when they feel comfortable with the revenues. Some we are still waiting for from the town. He said in early April he did impose a spending freeze. He said that there was \$300,000 overspent on special education for unanticipated placements. We were able to reclassify some Special Ed contracted services to ESSER 3. There were also other areas that were overspent.

Food service is -\$18,358. There was a \$35,000 negative balance for student accounts. He said kids are fed regardless of whether they have the money. No child can be denied a meal. We can't have a negative balance in food service so that money has to be transferred from the general fund. Mr. Markiewicz said they were looking very carefully at food service to try and figure out why that number is so high and will be working on looking at those who qualify for free and reduced. Maine and Massachusetts and perhaps Vermont are now covering the costs of school lunches. Mrs. Collins asked some questions about the food service contract.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the Consent Agenda. (Vote 4-1)

Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the non public minutes of 6-11-24 Session 1. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the non public minutes of 6-11-24 Session 2. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the public minutes of 6-11-24. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the public minutes of 6-26-24 public. (Vote 5-0)

New Business

IT Management RFP's

There were two responses to the RFP; Acapella for \$42,000 and Benjamin Lane for \$40,000. \$42,000 has been budgeted.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve Acapella's IT Contract. (Vote 5-0)

Policies

Mrs. Collins asked that policies IGD and IGA be sent to the policy workshop. The Board agreed by consensus.

Nominations/Hires/Resignations

None

Follow Up

Policy Workshop

The Board chose to have the Policy Workshop at 6:00 on July 23rd.

Follow Up

Mr. Markiewicz will bring to the Board the latest information on ESSER Funds and the amount left to spend and also stipend amounts.

Transportation

This will be discussed in non public.

Public Comment

None

Non Public

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to enter non public at 7:20 under RSA 91-A;3ll (c). Roll call: Taliaferro aye, DeColfmacker aye, Collins aye, Ouellette aye, Peaslee aye.

The Board reentered public session at 9:00.

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to seal the nom public minutes for four years. (Vote 5-0)

Adjournment

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath

School Board Secretary