

Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

August 13, 2024

Held in SAU Conference Room

Approved



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

Others present: Michele Lambert, Brad Davis, Randy and Dannielle Linscott
Mr. DeColfmacker led those present in the salute to the flag at 6:00.

Public Hearing Withdraw Funds From the Classroom Renovation Fund

Mr. DeColfmacker opened the Public Hearing at 6:01.

Mr. Davis requested that the Board expend \$24,597.58 from the Classroom Renovation Trust Fund to pay Portsmouth Flooring to redo the floors in the two Kindergarten rooms and the two Partner rooms. They are all large areas. Mr. DeColfmacker asked if there would be third party testing for any possible moisture issue as the paperwork said they will charge for a moisture test. Mr. Davis will get that information for the Board. Mrs. Collins asked Mr. Davis if he anticipated any additional floor prep or issue. He said the slab looked in good shape and he did not. No questions or comments from the audience. Mr. DeColfmacker closed the Public Hering at 6:05.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the withdrawal of 24,597.58 from the Classroom Renovation Trust Fund for Portsmouth Flooring. (Vote 5-0)

Public Comment

None

Non Public

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Taliaferro, to enter non public under 91-A:3 11 (c) at 6:08. (Vote 5-0)

The Board returned to public session at 6:22.

Reports

Principal Report

Happy August! I hope you all have been having a wonderful vacation and staying cool in this summer heat Our summer school program is ending and we want to thank the dedicated staff who stayed on with us to support our students through July and early August. We also want to

take a minute to thank Mary Soares for organizing our summer food and our in house volunteers for distributing and packing snacks and lunches. We had substantial support from our greater Wakefield community in supplying healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch daily. It was truly a wonderful summer here at The Paul School.

As we plan for our 2024/2025 school year, it's important that we update you about some exciting temporary changes. Many families have become aware this summer, however; I want to officially announce to the community that my husband, and I are expecting our first child this October! I will be working as principal until our baby's due date and will take a maternity leave from around the middle of October through December break. During my time away, Ivy Leavitt-Carlson our assistant principal, will be stepping in as the building level principal. She will be working hand in hand with staff in the building to continue the amazing work that we put forward at the beginning of the year.

There are several dates we want the community to be aware of as we begin to prepare ourselves for the year. The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 26th. There is no school on Friday, August 30th and Monday September 2nd. Our open house is scheduled for September 18th, more details to come in our opening weeks. This year we look forward to our continuation of building community partnerships. As we continue the celebration of the 250th birthday of Wakefield we will be centered around the theme of "Your Story. Our Legacy". We hope to build school goals around this theme and are excited to maximize opportunities for literacy and writing.

A reminder that as we gear up for the start of the school year it is important that families are accessing their Alma and pick up patrol accounts. Families should reach out to the school if they need support in accessing any of these applications. It is imperative that all families fill out their Free and Reduced Lunch Forms that they will receive on the first day of school. These forms support school programming. Please apply even if you believe you do not qualified.

Consent Agenda

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

Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the 7-16-24 Non Public Minutes. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the 7-8-24 Public Minutes. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the 7-9-24 Public Minutes. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the 7-16-24 Public Minutes. (Vote 5-0)

Old Business

Transportation Contract

1.1 Mr. Markiewicz said that First Student was unwilling to change to a one year contract as this wouldn't be possible for them for only one year. The agreement may be extended for two additional years.

2.5 Within sixty days of execution of the agreement negotiations for the possible purchase of Wakefield's buses if they are interested. First Student buses will be parked at Paul School. First Student will transport Wakefield buses to their lot in Rochester at no cost to the Wakefield district.

2.2 Mrs. Peaslee asked if we needed an added route for special ed it should say something in the contract about that. We have three out of district students and one in district special ed student right now. Mr. Markiewicz said they were still negotiating the contract as late as this morning. Mr. Upton has a contract attorney that has agreed to review this contract immediately.

Mr. Markiewicz did negotiate a payment for the electricity to plug in the buses at the Paul School charging stations for a total of \$2,500. Mr. Markiewicz did find out that we could still use the state DOT fuel system. Mrs. Peaslee asked if it could go into the contract and Mr. Markiewicz said First Student isn't interested in doing so. Mr. Markiewicz will check with other districts to see how they handle fobs for fuel consumption.

11.1 Mrs. Peaslee said there should be a time they will be notified stated for notice to First Student for inclement weather. Mrs. Taliaferro asked if it could be earlier. Mrs. Kebler said by 5:00 am is standard.

9.1 Mrs. Peaslee asked if this covers if their employee gets injured on our campus? Mr. Markiewicz said First Student covers the liability.

Field/athletic trips will be added to page 13.

25.1 Mr. Markiewicz changed that section to read the Business Administrator not him personally.

Mrs. Peaslee asked to add the pay rate for a monitor added to the contract if needed.

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the contract with First Student for \$879,374.10 pending review by legal . (Vote 3-2)

The Board discussed different plans for the buses if First Student doesn't want them. The Board talked about keeping a 77 passenger bus and perhaps a van or small bus.

Grant Stipends

Mrs. Lambert presented the grant stipends for fiscal year '24 to the Board. She said some of the stipends are for one person and some for two, three or more.

Child Find	\$10,000.00 REAP and IDEA
Homeless	\$10,000.00 TITLE 1
Literacy Work	\$2,721.60 REAP
Computer updates and screen replacements	\$308.21 REAP
Titte 1 Project Manager	\$213.00
Mentor Stipends	\$3,250.00 ESSER III
Technology	\$2,500.00 ESSER III
Grant Management	\$5,000.00 ESSER III

New Business

School Board Meeting Calendar

Mrs. Kebler said that November 5th is election day and they will be held at the school. No school. The meeting was moved to Wednesday November 6th. There will be a tentative budget workshop on October 22nd. Mr. Markiewicz will put together a list of when functions will be ready to be discussed by the Board.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the 2024/2025 School Board meeting calendar. (Vote 5-0)

Student Handbook

Transportation will be updated. Pick Up Patrol will now go to First Student.

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the 2024/2025 School Student and Family Handbook. (Vote 5-0)

Staff Handbook

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to approve the 2024/2025 Staff Handbook. (Vote 5-0)

Policies

Mrs. Collins told the Board that there were new policies because of the new Title 9 federal law. All staff must be trained, she said the NHSBA suggested all districts waive policy BGAA, second reading so that districts can get this done before school begins. These policies cannot be changed.

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to waive policy BGAA. (Vote 5-0)

Mr. DeColfmacker says this broadens the policies and gives definitions.

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to repeal Policy AC. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to repeal Policy ACAC. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Peaslee made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to repeal Policy AC-R. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to repeal Policy JIE. (Vote 5-0)

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

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve Policy ACAA-R1.

(Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve Policy ACAA-R2.

(Vote 5-0)

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

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve Policy ACAB-R1. (Vote 5-0)

Mrs. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve Policy ACAB-R2. (Vote 5-0)

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

JIE

Nominations/Hires/Resignations

Thomas Leonard IT specialist (FYI)

Public Comment

None

CIP

Mrs. Collins said she and Mr. Davis met with the town CIP Committee.

Area Agreement

Mr. DeColfmacker told the Board that he had contact with an attorney who handled Barrington area agreement. = Mr. DeColfmacker will get a cost for this attorney. He said we will have to set up an official area agreement committee.

It was mentioned that the school needed a new truck for travel and plowing.

Adjournment

Mr. Ouellette made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Collins, to adjourn the meeting 7:39 (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath

School Board Secretary