

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD  
Weathersfield School  
November 4, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Sean Whalen, at 5:38PM. Those present were: Sean Whalen, Jacqui Antonivich, Susan Hindinger, Annemarie Redmond, David Baker, JeanMarie Oakman, Kelly O'Brien, Jessica Kischko, Alicia Crane, Gloria Ballantine, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger. The flag was pledged.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. October 16, 2019

Sean Whalen asked for a motion concerning the minutes of 10/16/19. Susan Hindinger made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/16/19. Jacqui Antonivich second this motion with changes. There was no further discussion. All in favor. This motion was approved.

III. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Athletic Director - Jessica Kischko

Jessica Kischko talked about the sports programs and the season so far. Jessica took the initiative to buy the Sports Engine app as this will streamline a lot of information for coaches and parents. Alicia Crane, Assistant AD, said she liked using the app. Sean Whalen thought it would be good to build this cost into future budgets and Jacqui Antonivich commended Jessica for taking the initiative to purchase this app with her own funds. The app cost \$80 per month. JeanMarie Oakman mentioned that there were quite a few times that the sports bus funds didn't need to be used for the upper grade students. The Board thought Jessica should be reimbursed and JeanMarie said she would work with BJ so Jessica can be reimbursed. Sean Whalen mentioned the Panther Pride Committee that was discussed earlier this year. Jessica and Alicia are both happy with the way things are going. Jessica said she is hoping that in the future more parents want to coach and that we have a booster club. JeanMarie asked Jessica and Alicia to look at their budget line by line over the next few weeks. The Board thanked Jessica and Alicia for coming to the meeting.

B. Budget

Sean Whalen asked for input on what the nature of the community outreach for budget input should look like and when we should have a potluck. Gloria Ballantine shared that she thinks the Budget Committee is a required entity and she has been researching this and it goes back at least 25 years. Gloria said that people in the town respect and expect a Budget Committee

and that if it is a requirement, the Board will need to vote to disband it. Sean Whalen asked Gloria to keep researching this topic. The timeline of the Budget was discussed as well as that certain costs wouldn't be known until 12/15/19. Karen Woolsey will come to the meeting on 12/02/19 to give input about the Special Education Budget. It was decided to have an initial Budget discussion on 12/02/19 and decide at that meeting when to have a potluck to try and interest more people in the budget process and to give input before the Town Meeting.

C.

1. Portrait of a Graduate

The last meeting of this committee was discussed. The meeting in January may be at Weathersfield again. Hartland will host the fourth meeting. There is some concern about the process and that only high achieving female students are on the committee. JeanMarie Oakman is trying to recruit some male students to attend. Once again, the food prepared by Craig Locarno and his team was praised.

2. Wood Chips - Set aside for Budget and David Baker will talk to Jim Taft.

3. TIPS

JeanMarie Oakman reports that they were able to use carry forward funds to pay \$10,050 for TIPS. This will fund TIPS from 11/15/19 - 05/21/20 Monday - Thursday. Both PAWS and TIPS programs are open to all students and TIPS works with PAWS.

D. Solar Contract

David Baker has received the contract. David will send it to our lawyer to review. This will be put on the next agenda for discussion. Gloria Ballantine wondered if the neighbors had to be notified like we did for the wood chip burner. Susan Hindinger explained that the panels aren't very high, so most likely this isn't necessary. Gloria was interested in more information about buying the panels after a period of time. Sean Whalen said we would have more information at the next meeting.

E. Food Program

JeanMarie Oakman said the food program is going really well. JeanMarie said the next step would be to get Mount Ascutney to participate. Sean Whalen said we need to consider whether we want to share Craig Locarno with a third party.

F. VTSA Results

JeanMarie went over these results and handed out a detailed handout with the information. Julian Villa mentioned that he spends a lot of time on health and preparing for the Vermont Science Fair as Julian is going to start mentoring Wendy Allen in teaching science. Wendy has also increased the amount of days she teaches science each week. Jacqui Antonich said this is awesome and thanked Julian and Wendy for working together.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - David Baker

David Baker said that he had a wonderful learning experience at the conference he attended in New Orleans. It was centered around racial inequity and systems that don't work for all children and all families. It is called the People Learning Equity Project. They were able to visit some schools and the whole experience was a good one.

VII. PRINCIPAL REPORT - JeanMarie Oakman

JeanMarie Oakman wrote a grant with MAPP. There was a meeting with the Windsor County Partners to work on a mentoring program for in school and out of school mentoring. 7 and 8 grade students were able to attend Secret Garden at the Bellows Falls Opera House. Jacqui Antonivich said it was an outstanding performance.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION - None

IX. SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA

- A. Budget
- B. Solar Contract

X. TENTATIVE EXECUTIVE SESSION - VSA Title 1 Section 313 - None needed

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Sean Whalen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacqui Antonivch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Whalen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All in favor. This motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Chrisinger