

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

February 3, 2020

Weathersfield School

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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by Susan Hindinger, Vice Board Chair, at 5:41PM. Those present were: Sean Whalen (later), Susan Hindinger, Jacqui Antonivich, Kristen Bruso, Annemarie Redmond, JeanMarie Oakman, David Baker, Angie LeDeau, Rena Levine, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger. The flag was pledged.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Susan Hindinger asked for a motion concerning the minutes of 12/02/19, 12/11/19 and 01/06/20. Kristen Bruso made a motion to approve the minutes of these dates. There was further discussion. Corrections were made to the minutes. Annemarie Redmond second this motion to approve the minutes with corrections. There was no further discussion. All in favor. The above minutes were approved with corrections.

III. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Under Superintendent Report - Leave of Absence Request
An Executive Session is needed.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Introduction of First Grade Longer Term Sub - Rena Levine

Rena introduced herself to the Board. Rena is from Maryland and has worked at the YMCA and taught STEM projects to the participants. Rena has also worked with children with disabilities and taught them gymnastics. Rena has an Early Education Teacher's Degree and has always dreamed of moving to Vermont. JeanMarie reports that Rena's fellow teachers report that Rena is a hard worker and reading a lot of material at home to learn the various curriculums that are used with the first graders. Rena is very happy to be at the Weathersfield School. JeanMarie Oakman thanked Rena for all of her hard work.

B. Preparation for Town Meeting

JeanMarie and BJ Esty presented a powerpoint presentation that can be used at the Town Meeting. Susan Hindinger has also been preparing a powerpoint to use so it was decided that the two presentations could be combined for the presentation. The presentation was discussed in detail and some slides that have been used in the past will be inserted into the presentation.

David Baker explained why Article 3 needed to be voted on. The Board can authorize a lease for 3 years but because the lease for the Solar Panels being on the roof is for 25 years, it requires a vote from the Town. There was discussion on who should explain about the Solar

Panels and whether this should be Sean Whalen or Steve Synder from Norwich Solar. It was decided that a slide showing the panels on the roof would be good to have in the powerpoint. Jacqui Antonivich pointed out that Article 3 should say "rooftop" specifically to designate where the panels will be located.

There was more discussion around the presentation and discussion around having two empty Board seats and if anyone was running as a write in candidate.

The class size ratio was discussed as there are some large classes for the upcoming school year. The school quality standards for class size will be added to the slide showing class sizes for next year. BJ Esty mentioned that 18 students moved in over the summer of 2019 so that could happen again this summer. An equalized pupil spending slide will be added to the presentation.

There was discussion that high school vouchers are still coming in. There was discussion about the general fund projected budget.

David Baker mentioned that there will most likely be a question about SU Assessments. It should be mentioned that Technology and technology equipment are now in SU Assessments and not listed in the local Budget.

Rena Levine was added to the Welcome to New Staff Members slide.

There was more discussion around merging Susan Hindinger's presentation with JeanMarie Oakman's and BJ Esty's presentation and adding some slides that show the numbers presented in a simple format. BJ Esty and Susan Hindinger will work together to put the slide shows together.

There was discussion on who would present at the Town Meeting. David Baker will gather information about the Food Service program.

The pamphlet that Annemarie Redmond put together with input from Sean Whalen was looked at and discussed. There was discussion on shortening the wording. Board members will send edits to Annemarie by 02/07/2020. It was discussed that the pamphlet should be mailed the week of the 15th and no later than the 02/21/2020. The Board will meet to put the stamps on the pamphlets on 02/19/2020 at Susan Hindinger's home and this will be a warned meeting. The Board, JeanMarie Oakman and David Baker mentioned how well Annemarie put the pamphlet together.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - David Baker

David Baker said there is a request from Jennifer Robey, the Spanish teacher, to have a leave of absence for the school year of 2020/2021. This would be a leave without pay. Jennifer has an opportunity to travel abroad and learn more language skills. The Board feels there is value

in holding the position for when Jennifer returns as Jennifer will be learning so much that she can then share and teach to the students.

Sean Whalen wanted to know if the school is prepared with a policy regarding viruses and if there are policies that are CDC approved. JeanMarie Oakman said that the school follows the Vermont Health Policies and Action Plan.

VII. PRINCIPAL REPORT - Already done under A.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Jennifer Roby's Request for Leave of Absence for 2020/2021

Sean Whalen made a motion to accept Jennifer Roby's request for a leave of absence for the 2020/2021 school year. Susan Hindinger second this motion. There was no further discussion. All in favor. This motion was approved.

IX. SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA

A. 02/19/2020 - Susan Hindinger's home in Perkinsville, Vermont

Board will meet at Susan Hindinger's home to stamp and prepare pamphlets to be mailed and discuss the Town Meeting presentation further if needed.

B. 03/04/2020 - Weathersfield School at 5:30PM

A. Reorganization of the Board

B. Policies surrounding Communicable Diseases

X. TENTATIVE EXECUTIVE SESSION - VSA Title 1 Section 313

Susan Hindinger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Jacqui Antovich made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50PM. Sean Whalen second this motion. There was no further discussion. All in favor. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:50PM. Susan Hindinger asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Kristen Brusco made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Sean Whalen second this motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. The Board came out of the Executive Session at 9:30PM. No action was taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Susan Hindinger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacqui Antovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Annemarie Redmond second this motion. There was no further discussion. All in favor. This motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Chrisinger

