

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

March 4, 2020

Weathersfield School

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER BY SUPERINTENDENT, DAVID BAKER, INTRODUCTIONS, PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, David Baker, at 5:37PM. The meeting was adjourned while all present washed their hands. Those present were: David Baker, JeanMarie Oakman, Sean Whalen, Kristen Bruso, Annemarie Redmond, Mark Yuengling, Jessica Brown, Angie LeDeau, Jacqui Antonivich, Susan Hindinger, Kelly O'Brien, Rhonda Fairbanks, Emily Stevens, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger. The flag was pledged.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

1. Election of Chairperson of the Board

David Baker asked for nominations for the Chairperson of the Board. Annemarie Remond nominated Sean Whalen as Chairperson of the Board. Mark Yuengling second this motion. NFD. All in favor. Sean Whalen was elected as Chairperson of the Board.

David Baker gave the meeting over to Sean Whalen. Sean entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the Board. Annemarie made a motion to go into Executive Session. Kristen Bruso second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The Board went into the Executive Session at 5:47PM. The Board invited former Board Members, Jacqui Antonivich and Susan Hindinger to attend the Executive Session. Annemarie Redmond made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Kristen Bruso second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The Board came out of the Executive Session at 6:23PM and finished the nominations for the Board.

2. Election of Vice Chair of the Board - The Board has decided to hold off on filling this position until the whole Board can be present.

3. Clerk of the Board

Kristen Bruso has agreed to be the Clerk of the Board. Sean Whalen asked for a motion regarding Clerk of the Board. Annemarie Redmond made a motion to nominate Kristen Bruso as Clerk of the Board. Mark Yuengling second this motion. NFD. All in favor. Kristen Bruso was elected as Clerk of the Board.

4. 3 WSESU Representatives

Annemarie Redmond and Sean Whalen have volunteered to be Representatives. Sean asked for a motion concerning the 3 WSESU Representatives. Mark Yuengling made a motion to nominate Annemarie Redmond and Sean Whalen as 2 of the 3 WSESU Representatives. Kristen Bruso second this motion. NFD. All in favor. Annemarie Redmond and Sean Whalen

will be Representatives on the WSESU Board. The 3rd position will be voted on at the next meeting.

5. Election of Representative to SU Bargaining Council

Sean Whalen asked for a nomination for the SU Bargaining Council. Annemarie Redmond made a motion to nominate Sean Whalen to continue to serve on the Bargaining Council. Kristen Bruso second this motion. NFD. All in favor. Sean Whalen was elected to the SU Bargaining Council.

6. Designation of Truant Officer

Sean Whalen asked for a nomination for Truant Officer. Mark Yuengling nominated Chief Daniels to be the Truant Officer. Annemarie Redmond second this motion. NFD. All in favor. Chief Daniels was elected as Truant Officer. JeanMarie Oakman will send a letter to Chief Daniels asking him to accept this position.

7. Designation of Official Newspaper

There was discussion around the official newspaper and cost effectiveness. JeanMarie Oakman will check into cost effectiveness of several papers used and the Board will vote on this at the next meeting.

8. Establishment of Meeting Date, Time and Place

There was discussion around when to meet that doesn't conflict with the Select Board or other SU Boards. It was decided to meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM at the Weathersfield School. Mark Yuengling made a motion to meet on the agreed date, time and place. Sean Whalen second this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Sean Whalen asked for a motion concerning the minutes from 2/03/20. Annemarie Redmond made a motion to approve the minutes of 02/03/20. Kristen Bruso second this motion. NFD. 3 ayes and one abstention. This motion was approved.

III. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add Hicks Nichols to the Agenda

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Review of Policy and Practices On Communicable Diseases

Emily Stevens, school nurse, gave updates on how the school is following CDC and Vermont State protocols as far as COVID-19 protocols. Jeanmarie Oakman handed out handouts from the CDC and other papers about our policies around this subject. The symptoms of COVID-19 were reviewed. Emily said she is in contact with the Vermont Department of Health on a daily basis. There have been meetings with the cleaning crew on cleaning protocols and all staff

members are reviewing protocols. All staff and students are being encouraged and reminded to stay home when they are sick. The meetings with students will be to teach and remind students of the importance of practicing good hygiene. There was discussion around supports for people if school does close. Rhonda Fairbanks asked if there were more cleaning protocols that bus drivers should be practicing on the buses right now. Rhonda was directed to ask the bus company this question. There was discussion around sports equipment such as basketballs and how to keep these sanitized. The information regarding COVID-19 is changing daily and the school will continue to keep up with this information. Sean Whalen thanked Emily for her calm manner and support in this area.

B. Hicks Nichols Grants

Kelly O'Brien presented the three grants that have been approved by the Hicks Nichols Committee. They are:

1.	Vermont Symphony Orchestra - Fiddlesticks	\$300.00
2.	Cross Country Ski Equipment	\$10,000
3.	Flexible Seating for All	\$500.00
	Proposed Total:	\$10,800

Kelly O'Brien explained some about Hicks Nichols and Annemarie Redmond mentioned this money is not from taxpayer money. Jacqui Antonivich was the Board Representative on this Committee and Kristen Brusco has agreed to be the Board Representative. Sean Whalen asked how a person can get on the Committee and if the number of people on the Committee was limited. Kelly said anyone can be on the Committee. There will be a public invitation to be on the Committee. Sean Whalen thanked the committee. See Items for Action A.

C. Continuous Improvement Plan - Angie LeDeau

Angie LeDeau went over the Continuous Improvement Plan using a handout. Angie reviewed the goals and there was discussion around how to meet these goals. WSESU goals will not change drastically. The Board will review the Plan more thoroughly and get back to JeanMarie Oakman with questions. Angie would like to submit the plan by the first week of April. Sean Whalen and David Baker thanked Angie.

Mark Yuengling had a question around liability for the school concerning a few different incidents with the drama coach and other adults being at play practices at the site the practices took place off of school property. This was checked into and the coach, Sean Roberts, does have to be present and can't leave the students with other adults that haven't undergone the fingerprinting and criminal check process. Sean Roberts is aware of this now. The school's liability insurance does cover drama practice. Mark said he felt this was important for Sean Roberts as well as the school for protection.

David Baker mentioned that Sean Whalen was The Board Representative on the Food Service Committee.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - None

VII. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - None

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Hicks Nichols Grants

Sean Whalen asked for a motion concerning the three Hicks Nichols Grants approved by the Hicks Nichols Committee. Annemarie Redmond made a motion to approve the Hicks Nichols Grants as presented. Kristen Bruso second this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

IX. SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA

A. Portrait of a Graduate Update

B. Complete Board Reorganization

C. CDC Update

D. Update from Jim Taft About New Trash Law Beginning on 07/30/20

E. Athletic Update to Answer Questions Raised at Town Meeting

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - VSA. T.! Section 313- Done at the beginning of the meeting. Another one is not needed.

Xi. ADJOURNMENT

Sean Whalen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen Bruso made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Annemarie Redmond second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Chrisinger