

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

November 10, 2020 @ 6pm

I. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGE**

Sean Whalen called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. **Attendees:** Sean Whalen, Kristen Bruso, Annemarie Redmond, Mark Yuengling, Robin Tindall, Jean Marie Oakman, David Baker, BJ Esty, Katie Ahern, Jessica Brown

The flag was pledged.

Sean Whalen resigned from the Weathersfield School Board effective immediately.

Anne Redmond, Vice Chair of Weathersfield School Board, took over the meeting.

Mark Yuengling motioned to accept Sean Whalen's resignation with regret.

Kristen Bruso second.

All in favor. Motion passed.

II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Annemarie asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.

Robin Tindall motioned to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.

Mark Yuengling second.

Jean Marie Oakman changed the date to October 13, 2020 from October 8, 2020. Under financial updates, JMO does not need special education teachers, but more special education paraprofessionals.

All in favor of changes to minutes.

III. **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

David Baker added an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No public participation was recognized.

V. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1) **Principal Search Committee Update:** Jessica Brown gave update. The committee has their second meeting on Thursday, 11/12/20. They are moving the process along and will begin looking at resumes potentially over the weekend. There are currently 22 applications.
- 2) **WSESU Strategic Plan Update:** Angie and David sharing strategy plan, looking at goals and objectives.
- 3) **FY22 Budget:** JMO presented. The expected student count is 237-- some students will be returning in January and we had to count all students. Budget is .78% under due to savings in four winds, stipends (spelling bees, field trips), and world language supplies. We are in compliance with SU and State recommendations for class sizes. No Assistant principal has been added into the new budget due to COVID. Robin added we might want to see a budget with an Assistant principal. Kudos to Jim Taft for keeping the building clean! Ed presented the budget FY22 up from FY21- but we are only looking at the FY21 budget not the actual. One major shift is that the SU has taken on transportation costs. The Board will see an updated version at the December meeting.

- 4) **Budget Advisory Committee:** 1 Person has volunteered for the BAC and WS is actively looking for other members.
- 5) **Committee Rep Appointments** to replace Sean Whalen will be done in executive session.
- 6) **Approval of Grant to Melissa Cole,** Guidance Counselor at Weathersfield School, was read by Jean Marie. Mark motioned to approve the anonymous \$4,000 grant to Melissa Cole, Weathersfield Guidance Counselor. Robin second. All approved.
- 7) **Winter Sports Update:** David Baker reported that with the rise in Covid cases, Weathersfield will hold off on starting Winter sports for now. We are hopeful to begin some in January, but remain cautious due to Covid. A Winter sports update will be on the table at the December meeting.

VI. Principal Report

Jean Marie reported there are 4 new staff evaluations and no other news.

VII. Superintendent Report

David Baker reported that the teachers will have planning times during Thanksgiving break. They will be working on pod-based work. As always, we are watching Covid numbers daily.

VIII. Items for Action: There are no immediate items for action.

IX. Next Agenda:

The next WS Board Meeting will be on 12/8/2020 at 6pm online.

Budget

Sports

Covid-19 update

New board members

X. Executive Session entered as of 7:55pm.

Mark motioned to enter public session as of 8:20 pm. Kristen second. All in favor.

XI. Robin motioned to temporarily appoint Kristen Brusco as an SU representative. Mark second. All in favor.

Robin motioned to appoint Annemarie Redmond as Chair of Weathersfield School Board. Mark second. All in favor.

If anyone would like to join the Weathersfield School Board, please e-mail BJ Esty at bjesty@wsesu.net or call the school at 802-674-5400. There are two vacancies.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Robin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Mark second. All in favor.