

Weathersfield School Board
December 3, 2019
Weathersfield School

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, Kristen Brusio, Susan Hindinger, Annemarie Redmond, David Baker, JeanMarie Oakman, David Baker, Gloria Ballantine, Tanya Graves, Ryan Page, Brianna Barton, BJ Esty, Norwich Solar/Steve Snyder, Karen Woolsey, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A. November 4, 2019

Sean Whalen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of 11/04/19. Jacqui Antonivich made some corrections. Jacqui Antonivich made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/04/19 with corrections. Kristen Brusio second this motion. There was no further discussion. All in favor. This motion was approved.

III. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Sean Whalen asked why Food Service was on the agenda and David Baker said it is on the agenda in relation to the budget and if Mount Ascutney votes to use the food service that Weathersfield and Hartand have this year. There was discussion about what a good change this has been for the school. It was decided that this would be a good item to have for the January meeting. David went ahead and passed out the budget numbers that he had.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Budget - BJ Esty and JeanMarie Oakman

JeanMarie Oakman and BJ Esty gave a presentation using a powerpoint presentation and handouts concerning the proposed budget for 2020/2021. JeanMarie went over new costs and changes such as: e-finance, We R Hope, teacher mentors, dual enrollment busing, drama, scholastic camp and athletics. We probably won't get Title 1 next year as our poverty rate is 34%.

JeanMarie went over the teacher matrix for the students for next year. Both sixth and eighth grade have over 25 students in the one class they each will have.

The food service numbers were reviewed and Susan Hindinger had some questions. David Baker will provide Susan answers to these questions.

Susan Hindinger asked about the change in Medicaid funding for We R Hope and JeanMarie Oakman explained that funding process.

AnneMarie Redmond wondered if another teacher should be built into the Budget.

The Board asked JeanMarie what she'd choose to add to the Budget if she chose to add something to the Budget. JeanMarie brought up various needs such as: Title 1 Math Teacher or an assistant principal. JeanMarie will think of what she would add to the Budget and bring it to the Board at the next meeting.

Karen Woolsey gave a presentation of the Special Education Budget and personnel and what services the various schools in the SU have in their buildings. There was discussion around the cost of BI's and other special education costs. Karen used detailed handouts to give her presentation. Karen said she welcomes questions and visitors. There was discussion around the high growing need for IEP's and universal design in learning.

The community potluck was discussed. Sean Whalen said he thought the presentation given tonight was very understandable and would be great to have at the potluck.

The BAC was discussed and JeanMarie said she thought it would be good to have one. Gloria Ballantine said she found that it was actually voted on for both the Select Board and School Board to have BAC's in the 1970's. There was discussion on forming a BAC and when to have a meeting with the BAC and the school board before the Community Forum Potluck to discuss the Budget. JeanMarie will send out a notice to get members for a BAC and the Board and the BAC will meet on 12/11/19 at 6:30PM.

B. Solar Update - Norwich Solar/Steve Snyder

Steve Snyder reported that the structural engineer has visited the site. They are working with Jim Taft and the 30 day rooftop registration has been submitted. They are hoping to do some work on the roof. Steve is looking at digital displays. They are filing with the state and the construction reports are ready to submit. Sean Whalen and Susan Hindinger wondered if grants would be more available if the school was a designated emergency shelter. Steve didn't think this would change grants.

C. Food Service - Done Under Changes/Additions to the Agenda

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Sean Whalen reported that the VSBA conference that he attended seemed like a money maker. Mattel for Kids had a speaker and it seemed like free advertising so Sean was a little discouraged.

VII. PRINCIPAL REPORT

JeanMarie read off the coach list for basketball. They are:

Brian Ellingwood - 7th and 8th

Jesse Wescott and Ryan Keefe - 5th and 6th girls

Brian Ellingwood - 3rd and 4th boys

Brooke Breit and Jaime Wyman - 3rd and 4th girls

Ira Bruso, Christian Craig and Kirsten Bruso 1st and 2nd or 1st, 2nd and K

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION - None

IX. SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA - Budget Meeting - BAC and Board Meeting

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

Xi. ADJOURNMENT

Sean Whalen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Hindinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Whalen second this motion. There was no further discussion. This motion was approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM.

The next meeting will be on 12/11/19 at 6:30PM to discuss the Budget and will include the BAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Chrisinger