

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

July 26, 2021

Approved Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Board Chair, Annemarie Redmond. Those present were: David Baker, Brian Martes, Annemarie Redmond, Jacqui Antonivich, Jaimie Turner, Kristen Brusco, Mark Yuengling, BJ Esty, Diana Stillson, Katie Ahern, Angie Ladeau, Carrie Jewel, Elizabeth Craig, Kelly O'Brien, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger

Brian Martes/New Principal was introduced by Annemarie Redmond and introduced himself and said he and his family are very excited and happy to be here and be a part of the Weathersfield community.

II. **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

a. June 8, 2021

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion or any changes to the minutes from this meeting. Change Nathan McNaughton to Ethan McNaughton in two places under recovery plan. Correct the spelling of Angie Ladeau's name. Correct Crystal Sorrell to Surrell. Jacqui Antonivich made a motion to approve these minutes with changes. Jaimie Turner second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The minutes for 6/8/21 were approved with changes.

b. Emergency Meeting on June 10, 2021

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning the minutes from this meeting. Mark Yuengling made a motion to approve the minutes of this meeting. Jacqui Antonivich second. NFD. All in favor. The minutes of 6/10/21 were approved.

c. Executive Session on June 30, 2021

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion or changes to these minutes. The following changes were made.

Under Items for Action 3

Motion made not to approve the LOA Request unless a suitable replacement is found no later than 7/31/21. If a suitable replacement is found by 7/31/21 then the request will be approved. (The reverse was written in the minutes.)

Add Jaimie Turner to the list of people at the meeting. Add an e to Annemarie's name.

Jacqui Antonivich made a motion to approve these minutes with changes. Mark Yuengling second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The minutes from 6/30/21 were approved with changes.

d. Board Retreat July 16, 2021

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning these minutes. Jaimie Turner made a motion to approve these minutes. Jacqui Antonivich second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The minutes of 7/16/21 were approved.

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

V. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** Brian Martes

Brian gave a shout out to the custodian's for the great job they are doing. There are 238 students enrolled. Brian has met some of the teachers and parents. He has also met some

students at the Summer Academy. They made a job offer for a position but the applicant got a job closer to where they now live.

VI. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** David Baker

COVID Update: David Baker is staying up to date with announcements concerning COVID protocols for this school year. David is anticipating that there will be a mask requirement for indoor activities at school.

David wanted to give hats off to Katie Ahern and the Summer Academy. Katie says it is going very well. There have been 113 students per day with the high school. David said the summer program was a part of the recovery plan.

Angie Ladeau talked about the recovery plan. Quite a few surveys have been completed in regards to the recovery plan. Mental health is at the top of the list for both students and adults.

There was an administrators' retreat and one item they discussed was keeping track of the recovery fund spending. All new principals to the state of Vermont have to be assigned a mentor and Christine Bourne will be Brian Martes' mentor.

VII. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a. Welcome Back Barbecue

There was discussion about the welcome back barbecue to welcome back students and welcome Brian Martes to the school. David Baker said it would need to be outside and mentioned that Craig Locarno is always good about providing food for these occasions.

After discussion, there will be a short ESSER funds presentation but the main part of the event will be eating and meeting Brian Martes. David suggested not having it the first day of school so dates were discussed. It was decided to have it on 8/26/21 on a Thursday and have Friday as a rain date. It will start at 5:30PM. This event will be communicated to the community in various ways.

b. Athletic Update

There are a limited number of students signed up at this time. A decision on whether there are enough students signed up will hopefully be made before school begins on 9/7/21.

c. New Hire - No new hires to report at this time.

VIII. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - NONE**

IX. **SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA**

- a. Financial Update - Ed Connors and Discuss Budget Process (BAC)
- b. COVID Update
- c. School Update
- d. New Hires

Radar List

- Teacher/Staff Recognition - Brian Martes will take the lead on this.
- School and Town Working Together - Will approach the Select Board and possibly attend a meeting soon.
- Middle School Model

- Mental health Help - Mental health is at the top of the list for students and adults on the recovery plan survey.
- Health Class - The SU is looking at someone we could share for teaching health.
- Foreign Language - We may look into sharing a foreign language teacher but this is on hold for now.
- Community Outreach - The Welcome Back Barbecue

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - VSA. T11 Section 313 - None needed

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Yuengling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen Brusco second this motion. NFD. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Chrisinger