

**WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD**  
Weathersfield School and Google Meet  
November 9, 2021  
**Approved Minutes**

**I. Call to Order/Introductions/Pledge**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Annemarie Redmond at 7:05 p.m.

Those present were: Annemarie Redmond, Mark Yuengling, Kristen Bruso, Jaimie Turner, Jacqui Antonivich (later), David Baker, Brian Martes, Angie Ladeau, Katie Ahern, BJ Esty, Lora Powers, Kirsten McNamara, Kristen Huebner, Kelly O'Brien, Susan Brown, Jessica Kischko, Jessica Brown, Diana Stillson, Meredith Kelly, Carrie Jewel, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger.

The flag was pledged.

**II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

Brian Martes said that an Executive Session is needed for Personnel.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

a) October 12, 2021

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning the minutes of 10/12/21. Jaimie Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/12/21. Kristen Bruso seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

**IV. Public Participation – None.**

**V. Principal's Report – Brian Martes**

Brian Martes talked about the teams that presented at the Board meeting last month as they presented at the Select Board and will also be presenting at the Planning Committee. These presentations can also be viewed on SAPA. The teams who presented were: Warner and Teagan; Khloi and Anthony; Jacoby and Logan.

There was a door-decorating contest during Red Ribbon week and the doors were judged by town employees Brandon Guinick and Olivia Savage. The doors that were chosen as winners of this contest were the Library, 6th Grade with a Harry Potter theme and Kindergarten with a Three Little Pigs theme. Various staff members as well as students dressed up in costumes and Brian Martes shared various pictures. Mrs. Berry had an incredible obstacle course for the students.

Brian Martes met with the BAC. We are hoping that spring fire safety can be at the school. Our school won as part of the State of Vermont "Name That Plow" contest. "Big Bessie" will be visiting the school. They are continuing to work as a staff on the Mission/Vision Our Value.

Parent teacher conferences were mostly completed this past week with 11/4 and 11/5 being the official days.

Brian Martes is hoping we can make the computer lab into a "makerspace" which is a place in which people with shared interests, especially computing or technology, can gather together to work on projects.

Brian will speak at the Veteran's Day Service at the Perkinsville Park at 11 a.m. on 11/11/21. There is an early release day on 11/19/21.

VI. **Superintendent's Report** - David Baker

a) COVID Update

David Baker shared COVID Updates

- Less quarantining in general;
- Winter Athletics Protocol in Development - Athletics COVID Protocol;
- TTS (Test to Stay);
- Will have vaccine sites for community members and students to access.

b) The Anti-Racism Task Force is still meeting and should have an update at the SU Board in November or December.

c) SU Board FY23 Budget

The local budgets are in early stages. The SU Budget Committee had their final meeting last Friday. It is hoped there will be an approved SU Budget on 11/22/21. David Baker thanked the committee for their hard work.

d) ESSER Overview (SPED and Recovery Data)

The last ESSER Virtual Forum was completed tonight at 6PM. Recorded sessions will be on the website.

e) Teacher Mediation

This will occur again in December. We are trying to negotiate for more than one year at a time.

f) Support Staff will begin negotiations soon.

VII. **Items for Discussion**

a) Winter Sports/AD - Jessica Kischko

We had 139 students participate in athletics during the fall. There were 18 coaches and volunteers as well.

We will be having winter sports. Practices for Middle School students start on 12/6/21. Games will begin in January 2022. The elementary students will start practices in January. Practices are closed at this time. There was quite a bit of discussion about having spectators at games.

b) Proposed Budget FY23 - Brian Martes

Brian Martes went over a power point for the proposed budget. Brian went over suggestions from the BAC about the proposed budget. This proposed budget is a 1.44% increase from last year's budget. Brian Martes thanked BJ Esty for her input and JeanMarie Oakman for meeting with them.

Annemarie Redmond asked about adding a summer program to the budget and about a surplus to apply to this budget.

c) Hicks Nichols Update

Diana Stillson said they had a Hicks Nichols meeting last night. There was one application but the committee requested more information. Diana Stillson wondered how the committee finds out what their terms are on the committee as they have 1,2 or 3 year terms. BJ Esty will look back in board minutes to see if that information can be found.

VIII. **Items for Action** - None

**IX. Setting the Next Agenda**

The next meeting will be on 12/14/21 @ 6 p.m. at the school and through Google Meet.

Superintendent's Report: ESSER III

Items for Discussion: Athletic Update, FY23 Budget

**X. Executive Session - VSA.T11 Section 313 - Personnel**

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Jaimie Turner made a motion to go into Executive Session. Kristen Brusco seconded. NFD. All in favor. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mark Yuengling made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Kristen Brusco seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment**

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Yuengling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen Brusco seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Chrisinger

**RADAR LIST:**

- **Teacher/Staff Recognition**
- **School and Town - several events the past few months**
- **Middle School Model**
- **Mental Health Help**
- **Health Class**
- **Diversity and Equity - The committee will present at SU meeting 11/22/21**
- **Foreign Language - BAC recommended this being added to Budget**
- **Community Outreach - Several events**