

WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

February 8, 2022

Approved Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Annemarie Redmond, at 6:31 p.m.

Those present were Annemarie Redmond, Jaimie Turner, Kristen Brusco, Jacqui Antonivich, Mark Yuengling, David Baker, Brian Martes, BJ Esty, Julian Villa, Linda Reeves-Potter, Daxton Redmond, Diana Stillson, Carrie Jewell, Kristen Huebner, Angie Ladeau, Madeleine Richardson, Angelina Neal, Bailey Athorne, Cameron Schultz-Currier, Gabrielle Crane, Ryan Santangelo, SAPA and Becky Chrisinger.

The flag was pledged.

II. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add Spring Musical to Items for Discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Minutes of 1/11/22

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning the minutes of 1/11/22. Mark Yuengling made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/11/22. Jaimie Turner seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ None

V. LEAD LEARNER'S REPORT

Student Presentations

Lora Powers and Mrs. Robinson presented a slide show of the annual kindergarten peace walk project that they do yearly around Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Usually they walk around the school and in other classes that want to participate but due to COVID, they made a slide show and presented each student holding their sign they made.

Julian Villa and Ryan Santangelo facilitated students presenting their projects related to designing school emblems, having them made into t-shirts or hoodies and preparations to sell these projects. Bailey Athorne, Angelina Neal, Kaleigh Bania and Justin Roy presented their teams projects and plans. Annemarie Redmond asked how much they'd be charging for the products and Julian Villa said they will cost a variety of amounts depending on how much they cost to make. They should have the final costs soon. It was learned that they just began this project. Jacqui Antonivich was impressed with how much they'd accomplished in such a short amount of time. Julian Villa said they need approval from the Board as this will be a fundraiser for some charities as well as the 8th Grade trip.

Mark Yuengling made a motion to approve the project that Ryan Santangelo and Julian Villa are doing with their students as a fundraiser. Jacqui Antonivich seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

Leader In Me

Ms. Cole has been doing her SEL lessons using Leader in Me. Mr. Shambo has been teaching a song based on Leader in Me.

COVID Update

- Multiple classes have been impacted.
- Using test at home tests to keep students in school
- 46% of our students are fully vaccinated
- Brian Martes thanked Emily Stevens for her hard work.

Community

- Held a vaccine clinic and 75 people were vaccinated.
- Chief Spaulding - Fire Safety
- Service Award
- Communication with Town for the Virtual Annual Meeting
- First basketball game with spectators has happened.

Exact Path

- Diagnostic Assessment Data
- Brian Martes shared slides.

Brian thanked the teachers and students and gave them a shout out for all of their hard work

Mission/Vision/Core Values

They are still working on obtaining student input.

Upcoming Events

- Winter Break is coming up and is 2/14/22 - 2/18/22
- 2/26/22 Annual School and Town Meeting
- 3/1/22 Voting Day

Mark Yuengling asked questions about the attendance for basketball. Each student was allowed 2 spectators who sat together and wore masks.

VI. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - David Baker

COVID Update

- They are doing about 800 tests a week across the SU.
- Families are cooperating and following protocol.
- The vaccination clinic was a success. The follow up vaccines are 2/19/22.
- They haven't had to close a building yet.
- COVID Task Force
- There is a potential loosening of restrictions which could allow for music, ensembles, theater and other activities.

Other General Updates

- All budgets are adopted and warnings are posted.
- Very cold temperatures lately.
- Second Round of Exact Path and Track My Progress.
- We are looking at recovery data, which will be reported on at the SU meeting.
- NAEP for 4th and 8th grade students will also take place.
- The NAEP Equity Date will be out soon.
- We have vacation next week.

Negotiations

David Baker thanked Jacqui Antonivich for all of her work on negotiations. The teacher contract has been ratified and all the necessary signatures have been obtained. ESP Negotiations are completed and being reviewed. David thanked BJ Esty, Barbara Thomas and Kelley O'Brien for their hard work.

Quarterly Financial Updates

Our projected surplus at this time is \$348, 357 for this year.

Diana Stillson brought up that all of the testing is fatiguing to students and takes away from learning time. The 4th and 8th graders have more testing than the other grade, which is very hard. Others agreed this is true and hopefully some of these tests can be dropped that are overlapping.

VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Annual School Meeting Presentation

Jacqui Antonivich said the presentation isn't quite ready to share as some of the slides need to have some additions. It was agreed to have a special meeting to see this presentation next Tuesday, 2/15/22 at 6:30 p.m.

b) Review Radar List

- Teacher and Staff Recognition - They've been given swag bags and will have a luncheon at the next half day.
- Middle School Model - The presentation tonight presented this model.
- Maker's Space - This is still in process.
- SU - Mental health for Students - This support is ongoing.
- Health Class - There are no updates but may revisit having a shared health teacher.
- Foreign Language - It is in the Budget and being advertised. We have had some applicants.
- Community Outreach - This continues with the vaccination clinic being the most recent outreach. Brian Martes shared that BJ Esty goes above and beyond and made chili for the vaccination clinic. BJ's husband, John, also volunteered at this event.

c) Athletics Update

57 students are participating in basketball. Students are signing up for spring sports.

d) Spring Musical - Mark Yuengling

There have been questions about why Hartland can have a musical and if Weathersfield can have one also. Mark Yuengling has sent a proposal to have some kind of performance time for the students. It was discussed that if it could be outdoors more people could view the performances and this time could include video presentations as well. Mark Yuengling will help with this project if it is approved to have volunteers in the building.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a) PTO Fundraiser - Carrie Jewell

The PTO would like to have permission for a Raffle - March Madness Calendar, which will have 31 days of prizes.

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion concerning this fundraiser for the PTO. Mark Yuengling made a motion to approve this motion. Kristen Brusco seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved.

- b) Student T-Shirts and Hoodies Fundraiser
Approved Under Lead Learner Section.

IX. **SETTING THE NEXT AGENDA**

- Reorganization Meeting
- Spring Sports
- Plans for Spring Production
- 8th grader Lead Learner
- Follow Up From Annual Meeting If Needed

X. **TENTATIVE EXECUTIVE SESSION** - VSA.11 Section 313 - Not needed

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Annemarie Redmond asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen Brusco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Yuengling seconded this motion. NFD. All in favor. This motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Chrisinger