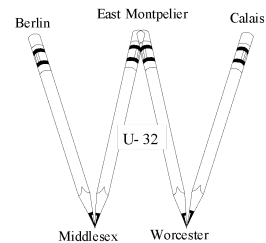


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Washington Central Unified Union School District Board

Approved Minutes

6.5.19 at 6:30 PM

Berlin Elementary School Learning Center, 372 Paine Turnpike North, Berlin

approved 6-12-19

Board Members Present: Scott Thompson, Dorothy Naylor, Flor Diaz Smith, Jonas Eno-Van Fleet, Vera Frazier, George Gross (arrived at 7:07)

Administrators Present: Superintendent Bill Kimball, Director of Special Services Kelly Bushey, Business Administrator Lori Bibeau, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Jen Miller-Arsenault, Calais Principal Cat Fair, East Montpelier Principal Alicia Lyford, U-32 Principal Steven Dellinger-Pate, Doty Principal Matt Young, Berlin Principal Aaron Boynton

Others Present: ORCA videographer, David Delcore (Times Argus)

6:33 p.m. (no quorum) Scott Thompson asked administrators if they were willing to share about end of year happenings. Some discussion followed.

6:57 Board members talked about the possibility of a board retreat.

Scott Thompson stated that, before the end of June, a decision from the courts is expected, regarding ongoing Act 46-related cases.

Superintendent Kimball suggested that boards not plan to meet at all in July. It will be a time of transition (e.g., superintendent), and is important for everyone to have a month-long break, for rejuvenation.

Superintendent Kimball suggested at the next board meeting, we discuss what July might look like, in light of the fact that boards may not meet.

1.0 Call to Order: **Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.**

1.1 Reception of Guests

1.2 Agenda Revisions & Board Comments: Superintendent Kimball suggested that the board discuss meeting dates.

1.3 Public Comments & Correspondence: Scott Thompson stated that he has heard from several community members. The board will discuss some of these issues under the agenda topic of “budget plan.” He noted that Matthew DeGroot had suggested the board appoint Susanna Culver and Chani Waterhouse to the negotiations process to some degree. Flor Diaz Smith shared an email from board member Lindy Johnson, who can’t be present tonight but wanted to implore the board to keep communications positive.

2.0 Consent Agenda - **Flor Diaz Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Dorothy Naylor.**

2.1 Approve Minutes of 5.22.19 and 5.31.19: Discussion: Vera Frazier noted that her name is misspelled in the May 31st meeting. Scott Thompson suggested an edit for clarity on the May 22nd minutes, around the topic of taxes.

2.2 Approve Minutes of 2.19.19 & 4.8.19 District Organizational Meetings.

2.3 Approve Board Orders: (no board orders tonight) Brief discussion followed around the board orders process. Lori Bibeau stated that this topic will be discussed more fully at the next board meeting.

3.0 Discussion Agenda

3.1 WCUUSD Board Retreat: The board discussed whether to plan a board retreat, when, and for how long. Some discussion followed around sub-committees. Vera Frazier expressed concern around not having the full perspective and having the input of all ten board members; she cautioned against sub-committees of, for example, two or three board members, creating an agenda or steering the work of the board as a whole. Scott Thompson, Jonas Eno-Van Fleet and Flor Diaz Smith offered to collect ideas from board members to begin a list of possible board retreat dates and possible agenda items, for the board to consider at the next meeting. Some discussion followed around the three of them emailing each other in order to do some pre-planning/organization around the board retreat.

3.1.1 Goals

3.1.2 Who Should Attend

3.1.3 Establish Planning Group

3.2 Required Policies: Superintendent Kimball reviewed these policies. Brief discussion followed around the weapons policy (specifically, for example, regarding knives). Scott Thompson suggested that the board consider the Freedom of Expression policy, as this is new, and bring suggestions or comments to the next board meeting, for the second reading.

3.3 Meeting Protocols: Scott Thompson reviewed the seating configuration from tonight which included administrators at the table. Next Wednesday, the meeting location as currently planned is Doty School. Wednesday, June 19th, will not have a meeting. Superintendent Kimball asked board members to save Wednesday, June 26th for a possible meeting, as this is the night after the vote.

Flor Diaz Smith stated that she had understood that every other meeting (alternating) will be held at U-32. She asked if the June 12th meeting could be held at U-32 to better accommodate VSBA representatives, who are planning to attend to discuss the topic of VSBA dues. Superintendent Kimball and Scott Thompson will let

board members - and others- know this Friday, about the location of the June 12th meeting.

3.3.1 Committee Makeup (this will be on a future agenda)

3.4 General Fund & Capital Fund: Superintendent Kimball shared that he and Lori Bibeau are working on specific dollar amounts around this topic, for future meetings.

3.5 Budget & Election Communication Plan: Superintendent Kimball shared report drafts for board review; he noted that post cards will be mailed by the end of this week, to alert the community of the availability of this report. Some discussion followed around setting a date for a budget and articles information meeting. June 18th at U-32, 6:30. Lori Bibeau stated that she had worked on clarifying some of the explanations around tax impact. She will break it down more specifically for each town, including some income sensitivity details. The board will review this at the next board meeting.

The board discussed creating a list of "FAQs" and sharing on Front Porch Forum. Vera Frazier suggested that information be shared as soon as possible, especially in light of absentee voters. Jonas Eno-Van Fleet asked whether the board is interested in creating a letter from the board. Board members felt that creating a coordinated letter from the board is not possible within the time frame; however, board members will send ideas to Scott Thompson, who will craft a draft, including FAQs, for a Front Porch Forum post.

3.6 Amendments to Articles Communication Plan

3.7 Personal, Property & Employee Insurance: Lori Bibeau reviewed this yearly requirement. The board took action below.

3.8 VSBA Dues

3.9 Litigation Update

4.0 Action Agenda

4.1 Approve First Reading of Required Policies: **Dorothy Naylor moved to approve first reading of policies as presented tonight. Seconded by Flor Diaz Smith. This motion carried unanimously.**

4.2 Authorize the Superintendent to Accept All State & Federal Grants: **Flor Diaz Smith moved to authorize the superintendent to accept all stated and federal grants. Seconded by George Gross, this motion carried unanimously.**

4.3 Accept Insurance Bid: **Dorothy Naylor moved to accept the insurance bid as presented. Seconded by Vera Frazier, this motion carried unanimously.**

4.4 Adopt Meal Prices for 2019-2020 School Year: **Jonas Eno-Van Fleet moved to adopt the meal prices, with an amendment to Doty adult breakfast (to**

keep the price consistent with other schools.) Seconded by Vera Frazier, this motion carried unanimously.

4.5 Approve Adding Student Representative(s) to WCUUSD Board: Steven Dellinger-Pate will bring information to the board for the next meeting. The board would like time to discuss this.

4.6 Approve Telephone Systems Bid: **Superintendent Kimball explained this need. Some discussion followed. Flor Diaz Smith moved to approve the Telephone Systems Bid in the amount of \$99,997.26. Seconded by Dorothy Naylor, this motion carried unanimously.**

5.0 Future Agenda Items (next meeting June 12; budget informational meeting June 18th).

6.0 Summary of Meeting – Next Steps for Board Members

7.0 Adjournment: **The board adjourned by consensus at 8:41 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Stoudt, Board Recording Secretary