

West Bath School Administrative Unit

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the West Bath School

Members Present: Keith Hinds, Ashleigh Randall, and Jordi St. John

Members Absent: Dennis Crews and Robert McDaniel

Others Present: Patrick Bowdish, Abbie Delano, Aggie Demers, Camille Kauffunger, and Emily Thompson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Keith Hinds.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Comments from the Chair:

None

Adjustments to Agenda:

None

Public Comments:

None

Committee Reports

1. Finance Committee

Mr. Hinds said that Finance Committee met on Monday with the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee. He said that while the committees are apprehensive about the budget numbers, they understand where they come from. Mr. Hinds stated that the finance committee did not get the sense that the Board of Directors needed to slash or cut the budget. He explained that the Budget Advisory Committee would be meeting the following night to vote and make a recommendation to the School Board of Directors. The board will need to see what their recommendations are go from there.

Mr. Bowdish asked if the Budget Advisory Meetings were public? Mr. Hinds responded affirmatively.

Budget Workshop

Mr. Hinds made a motion to enter a budget workshop. Mrs. Randall seconded that request. Vote (3-0).

Return to General Session

Mr. Hinds made a motion to return to general session. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. Vote (3-0).

Old Business

1. Proposed Adjustments to the 2017-2018 Budget
 - a. Mr. Hinds said that there were two things the board may want to take action on. The first would be to reduce instructional equipment by \$11,372.90 based upon a recommendation made by the Superintendent. The second would be to increase legal fees from \$10,000 to \$20,000 based upon the advice of the attorney in anticipation of the need to negotiate three contracts.

Mrs. Randall made a motion to accept the reduction of \$11,372.90 in instructional equipment. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. Vote (3-0).

Mrs. Randall made a motion to increase legal fees from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Mr. St. John seconded the motion. Vote (3-0).

Public Comments

1. Mrs. Kauffunger thanked the board, and said that she is not usually at the board meetings, but as a member of the school community she appreciates the work of the board. She said that she will make more of an effort to attend meetings, but she appreciates the work the board does.
2. Mr. St. John asked when the school board would hear back from the Budget Advisory Committee? Mr. Hinds said that he would expect to hear from them on Friday, but that they seem understanding of the budget that was put forward and why it is what it is. Mrs. Thompson said that she had left room in the calendar for a meeting on March 29th if the date is needed for further budget discussion and work based upon the feedback from the Budget Advisory Committee.

Set Next Meeting Dates and Locations

1. April 5, 2017 – Regular School Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM – 2nd Reading of the Budget and Board Vote & pilot episode of WBSAU live

Adjourn

Mr. St. John made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM. Mrs. Randall seconded that motion.
Vote (3-0).

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Emily Thompson