

West Bath School Administrative Unit

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the West Bath School

Members Present: Dennis Crews, Keith Hinds, Robert McDaniel, and Mary Wallace

Members Absent: Ashleigh Randall

Others Present: Patrick Bowdish & Emily Thompson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Keith Hinds. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

1. Second Reading and Approval of the 2018-2019 School Budget

Mr. Hinds said that there were two copies of the budget in the board packet, one dated April 5th reflecting the changes that were made in the last meeting. He said that the updated budget included the remaining figures after negotiating.

Mr. Hinds said that also in the board packet is the town summary from the meeting the Finance Committee had with the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. He said that the feedback was very positive regarding all the work that was done and it appears that it is going to be a successful budget season all around. He said that the board is now looking at a .51% increase in the proposed budget, which translates into a 1.5% increase to local contribution. He said that given the number of items in the budget there is no control over, that this is a strong budget. He asked if the board members had any thoughts, comments, or suggested changes?

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept the budget as it is revised on April 10th. Mr. Crews seconded the motion. Vote (4-0).

Mr. Hinds said that the budget will still need to go through the double validation process and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Out of State Field Trip Request – 5th Grade Fieldwork in Boston, MA

Mrs. Thompson presented a field work request from Mr. Schulz, requesting to go to Boston on May 25th, leaving at 7:30 from the Brunswick Train Station and returning at 9:40 PM. She said that funds would be raised by the students or shared by the PTO. Mr. McDaniel asked how many years students have been taking this trip. Mrs. Thompson said that she thought this was the 8th year for the Freedom Trail trip, but students traveled to Boston before this trip was created as well.

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to approve the field work request. Mr. Hinds seconded the motion. Vote (4-0).

Public Comments:

1. Mr. Bowdish thanked the board for their work on the budget.

Set Next Meeting Dates:

1. April 25th at 6:30 PM – Approve the Warrant
2. May 2nd at 6:30 PM – Regular Meeting of the School Board of Directors, with an executive session at 6 PM.

Adjourn:

Mr. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn at 6:39 PM. Mr. Crews seconded the motion. Vote (4-0).

Submitted by,



Emily Thompson