

West Bath School Administrative Unit

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM at West Bath School

Members Present: Dennis Crews, Meagan Hennessey, Keith Hinds, Robert McDaniel, and Jordi St. John

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Emily Thompson

Call to Order:

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

Comments from the Chair:

Mr. Crews commented that this was the last meeting before our first official school board meeting of the WBSAU. He also mentioned that we would know more soon regarding what impact the possible changes to the state budget may have on our local budget if a 279 is issued.

Approve/Amend Minutes of 6/8/15:

Keith Hinds made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/8/15 as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniel. Vote (5-0).

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Mr. Hinds expressed that he was able to go to a lot of events in the last few weeks of school. The energy, excitement, and positivity of the staff and students was noticeable and appreciated. He mentioned that there was something special every day in the last week of school.

Mr. Crews commented that the school's Celebration of Learning was top notch.

Mr. McDaniel asked what the percentage increase to the teacher salaries was now that teacher negotiations have been completed. Mrs. Thompson responded that the cumulative total was 3.09%.

Public Comments:

None

Town Meeting Report:

Mr. Crews reported to the school board members that all items related to the school were passed. He stated that the start-up amount item does not impact the school, it's just where the funds are going to come from. The capital account was also

approved. With this account, the selectmen will have to approve the expenditures. During the discussion about what to do with the lawsuit money, he felt there were positive comments made about the school.

Mrs. Thompson said she had spoken with the Town Administrator and that the start up funds actually would be available for unanticipated expenses as well as items listed as start-up costs. Some start-up costs were paid from the June start-up fund, which leaves a little room for the unanticipated expenses as they arise.

The board discussed the process of writing RFPs and bidding. Mrs. Thompson said she would add the town's bidding policy to the agenda for July 1.

Old Business:

The board conducted second readings of the following policies:

- 1.1. Second Reading of Policy IHBG – Home Schooling
Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept the policy. This was seconded by Keith Hinds. Vote (5-0).
- 1.2. Second Reading of Policy IHBGA – Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs
Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept this policy. This was seconded by Jordi St. John. Vote (5-0).
- 1.3. Second Reading of Policy IJJ – Instructional and Library-Media Materials Selection
The following changes were made to the proposed policy: Under challenged materials, it was corrected to say: the principal, one librarian/media specialist, one classroom teacher, one community member.
Mr. St. John made a motion to accept the policy with the revisions. This was seconded by Mr. McDaniel. Vote (5-0).
- 1.4. Second Reading of Policy IJOC – School Volunteers
Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept this policy. Mr. Crews seconded the motion. Vote (5-0).
- 1.5. Second Reading of Policy IJOC-A – Volunteer Registration Form
Mr. St. John made a motion to accept this policy as written. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote (5-0).
- 1.6. Second Reading of Policy JEA – Compulsory Attendance
Ms. Hennessey made a motion to approve this policy. Mr. Hinds seconded the motion. Vote (5-0).
- 1.7. Second Reading of JFABD – Admission of Homeless Students
Ms. Hennessey made a motion to accept this policy. Mr. Hinds seconded the motion. Vote (5-0).
- 1.8. Second Reading of JFC – Dropout Prevention – Student Withdrawal from School
Mr. St. John made a motion to accept this policy. Ms. Hennessey seconded the policy. Vote (5-0).
- 1.9. Second Reading of JHB – Truancy
Ms. Hennessey made a motion to accept this policy. Mr. Hinds seconded the motion. Vote (5-0).

New Business:

1.1. Personnel Item(s): Report

1.1.1. Resignation(s) – Melissa Raedel, Kindergarten Teacher

Mr. Hinds commented that he wished Mrs. Raedel well, and noted that the students of RSU 1 would be well served.

1.2. Authorize the Superintendent to hire staff during the summer months on the Board's behalf – Action

Mr. Hinds made a motion to allow the superintendent to hire staff during the summer months on the Board's behalf. This was seconded by Jordi St. John. Vote (5-0).

1.3. First Reading of Policies

The board completed the following first readings of policies. Any discussed changes are noted below.

1.3.1. First Reading of AD – Educational Philosophy/Mission

1.3.2. First Reading of IHBA – Referral of Students with Disabilities

Removed the wording, "of schools", following superintendent.

1.3.3. First Reading of JFAB – Admission of Non-Resident Students

Added the wording, West Bath School Administrative Unit in the first paragraph. The board discussed the pre-k numbers and initially reworded it to read 6 students per adult. Because pre-k is not being offered on site, pre-k was removed from this policy at this time. The date for applications was changed to May 1 to allow time to arrange for screenings. It was added that families will be notified in early June. In #7, "of schools" was removed. Under the section regarding program continuity, the "to" was removed, and a "the" was added. Under transportation, the word district was changed to SAU. Afford was changed to afforded.

1.3.4. First Reading of JKAA – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

1.3.5. First Reading of JKAA-R – Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion

On page 5 – RSU 1 needs to be replaced with WBSAU.

1.3.6. First Reading of JKF – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities

Remove " of schools"

1.3.7. First Reading of JKF-R – Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities Administrative Procedure

1.3.8. First Reading of JLF – Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

1.3.9. First Reading of JRA – Student Records and Information

1.3.10. First Reading of JRA-E – Student Education Records and Information Rights

1.3.11. First Reading of JRA-R – Student Education Records and Information Procedures

Adjusted #2 in section I the language around the transcripts of high school students as we do not have responsibility of records for children who have transferred,

Public Comments:

Mr. Crews noted that he had read two articles about the school systems in Finland and Sweden. One was a good article about what Finland has done. The other was

about how Sweden has been slipping. That slippage was attributed to the beginning of having vouchers and charter schools in 1976.

Next Meeting Dates and Locations:

- Wednesday, July 1 – 6:30 PM at the West Bath School
- Wednesday, July 8th – 6:30 PM at the West Bath School
- August 17th – 6:30 PM at the West Bath School
- September 2nd – 6:30 PM at the West Bath School

Adjourn:

Mr. Hinds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. This was seconded by Jordi St. John. Vote (5-0).

Submitted by,

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

Emily Thompson