

**BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION
BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BETHLEHEM, NH 03574**

**DATE: MARCH 15TH, 2022
TIME: 5:00 PM**

BETHLEHEM BOARD MEETING MINUTES- Draft

PRESENT: Principal Sue Greenlaw, Superintendent Tari Thomas, Business Manager Toni Butterfield, Chairman Bob Weir, Board Members; Tim Fleury, Becky Beno, James Noyes, Jennifer Lucas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weir called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

CHAIRMAN ROBERT WEIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM, ROLL CALL: CHAIRMAN ROBERT WEIR, JENNIFER LUCAS, BECKY BENO, JAMES NOYES, TIM FLEURY. ALL PRESENT.

Chairman Weir shared the sad news of Carol Kerivan's passing. Carol was a Board Member for BES and had two children that attend BES. A moment of silence was observed in her honor.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS & GOOD NEWS

Principal Greenlaw mentioned that the students and staff celebrated "Kindness Day." Everyone in the building went outside to take a photo, and it was the first time in two years that all the students saw how many students attend BES since they have been in cohorts. Principal Greenlaw announced that field trips will be scheduled again, =this is very exciting. As of tomorrow, masks will be optional. Principal Greenlaw went to each classroom to discuss this change and reminded everyone to respect each other's choice to wear a mask or not.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES & MANIFEST

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY TIM FLEURY FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY TIM FLEURY FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15TH, 2022 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY JENNIFER LUCAS TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL MANIFEST FOR THE PRIOR TWO PAY PERIODS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. IN SCHOOL TESTING

Principal Greenlaw mentioned that a negative at home covid test would be accepted, provided a photo of the test is taken and sent to Tammy Reardon. Superintendent Thomas has sent an application into the state requesting test kits for schools but has not heard back yet. The library has free test kits currently. If families have financial strains, they can acquire a test there. Space is limited at the school; therefore, in-school testing would be challenging. If a child isn't feeling well, they should not be in school anyways. Principal Greenlaw mentioned only two parents had emailed her with concerns about the mask policy, but overall the "mask optional" policy has been well received.

MOTION MADE BY JAMES NOYES SECONDED BY BECKY BENO TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT AT HOME COVID TEST RESULTS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

B. \$1500 FOR ENERGY AUDIT OUT OF CAPITAL RESERVE

A brief discussion ensued about when the energy audit can happen. From a previous meeting the Energy Committee mentioned that there was a grant to cover part of this cost, Principal Greenlaw stated that sooner the better for the grant opportunity.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER LUCAS SECONDED BY TIM FLEURY TO APPROVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ENERGY AUDIT OF \$1500 OUT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

VI. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. COVID CHECK-IN

Discussed previously.

B. PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

There was a brief discussion on projects that need to be completed at the school and the capital reserve fund, some highlights are the trim around the windows need to be painted, brick facing is falling off and the gym floods when there is heavy rain or thaw, this will need to be addressed. Discussion ensued. Mary Lou Krambeer has agreed to be the moderator for the Annual Meeting.

MOTION MADE BY BECKY BENO SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES TO ACCEPT MARY LOU KRAMBEER FOR PRO TEMP MODERATOR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

VII. STANDING REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Greenlaw mentioned that there has been a few grants that were applied for such as Clif Year of Book Grant which would allow kids to take home books monthly. The Gardening Club has applied for Whole Foods Grant which would be used to build

a greenhouse. Principal Greenlaw attended the Library Trustee meeting Monday night regarding use of the public library as BES library. This would make sense since the school is in need of the space and the library is in close proximity. Principal Greenlaw will check with the DOE and do some additional research to make sure this can happen. Laura Clerkin, the head librarian, is happy to make this connection with the school. Currently some classes already go to the library regularly. There was a brief discussion on putting a sidewalk from the school to the library on the right handside so the students do not need to cross the street. This has been brought up before and the DOT has not been agreeable. BES turns 90 celebrations will happen May 18th, 4pm-6pm.

B. SUPERINTENDENT

1. MONTHLY SUPT REPORT

Superintendent Thomas has nothing to report this month. Thomas did share that she had the first transition meeting with Kate Harrington Segal whom will be the incoming superintendent. Thomas shared the NHSBA list of legislations that have passed or waiting to pass.

C. BUSINESS MANAGER

1. SURPLUS & DEFICIT STATEMENT

Business Manager Butterfield had a few house keeping items regarding the warrants that needed to be signed. The Surplus and Deficit Statement was reviewed and there was a brief discussion on what was going to be covered by the ESSER grant. Greenlaw and Butterfield will continue to review what can be covered. Business Manager Butterfield reviewed the Budget Summary with the Board, the tax rate will be up roughly about .17 cents.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

NONE

B. NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF (JN & -)

NONE

C. FACILITIES

NONE

IX. POLICY HANDBOOK (--- & ---)

NONE

X. SCHOOL STAFFING NOTIFICATIONS & APPROVALS

Principal Greenlaw updated the Board that Mike Nevlén has resigned. Sean Monahan will be hired as a custodian and will eventually become the Head of Maintenance and Facility Manager next year.

MOTION MADE BY TIM FLEURY SECONDED BY BECKY BENO TO APPROVE SEAN MONAHAN AS THE CUSTODIAN FOR BES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSES.

XI. NON PUBLIC

Under RSA 91-A:3, the board will be entering into Non Public Session to address a union related matter.

MOTION TO GO INTO NON-PUBLIC MADE BY BECKY BENO, SECONDED JAMES NOYES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTIONED CARRIES, TO ENTER NON-PUBLIC AT 5:54 PM.

CLERK WAS EXCUSED FROM NON PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION MADE BY BECKY BENO, SECONDED JAMES NOYES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTIONED CARRIES, TO ENTER PUBLIC AT 6:12 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO BY JAMES NOYES SECONDED BY JENNIFER LUCAS TO APPROVE MOA DRAFT AS AMENDED AND PENDING APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF MOA FROM BEA.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER LUCAS SECONDED BY BECKY BENO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:19 PM . ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhienna Miscio
Board Clerk

7:00 PM Annual Meeting
Next Meeting: April 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM