

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Board Members Timothy Fleury, James Noyes, Becky Beno, Robert Weir; Superintendent Pierre Couture; Business Manager Kristin Franklin; Principal Sue Greenlaw

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Weir called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2019 MEETING
MOTION BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY BECKY BENO, TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 27, 2019. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES
Energy question from Bob Weir: Pierre contacted his contact and will go from there.
- II. FINANCIAL
Business Manager Franklin reviewed the financials and related data. Discussion ensued. Provided 2-sets of financials. 1st: There is a fund balance. Money left in playground fund. Student Activity Fund is now part of the General Fund. 2nd: Surplus but many things not yet encumbered this early in the school year. Potentially affecting fund balance is Medicaid. Changes may complicate getting the money.
 - a. Oil and Pellet Bids: 2 bids Maine Energy Systems (\$2.39 per ton) and Lime Green Heat (\$3.40 per ton). Recommend stay with Maine Energy System. Price is only a few cents more than last year (\$2.34). We go through 60+ tons per school year. Discussion ensued.
MOTION BY JAMES NOYES, SECONDED BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM MAINE ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR \$2.39/TON DELIVERED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES
4 bids for oil: Stiles \$2.419/gal, Rymes \$2.499/gal, CN Brown \$2.498, Irving \$2.345/gal plus add-on fees of \$0.01475, which is less than last year. Recommend going with Irving Oil. 1900gallons. They also offered a promotion for Bethlehem Elementary staff for a discount. Discussion ensued. Add on fees are included in the fee but may change as per the contract. Environmental fee, leaking underground tank fee.
MOTION BY BECKY BENO, SECONDED BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM IRVING OIL FOR 1900 GALLONS AT \$2.345/GAL PLUS ADD-ON FEES OF \$0.01475. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES
 - b. General Information: DOE 25 is finished.
- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
Principal Greenlaw reviewed Principal's Report and related data.
 - a. Principal's Written Report: Hired 2 paras. One has started. The other has resigned. We have 2 postings. Numbers have increased so need an additional paraprofessional. No applicants as of today. Things are running smoothly.

b. Other:

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture reviewed the following and related data.

- a. SAU Goals: Superintendent Couture handed out copies of the 2 approved goal. Each school has their own goals in addition to the SAU goals. Discussion ensued to explain the process of gathering information from SAU staff for the goals. Reviewed the goals.
- b. Superintendent Couture handed out a bio for board members to learn about his experiences, roles within the SAU and focus for the coming school year. Discussion ensued.
- c. Medicaid: Reimbursement for related services. \$43,000 last year. New standards-will need an MD or nurse practitioner to verify the child needs the services. Retro-active to the start of the school year. Paperwork is being filled out but not sent in yet.
- d. Governor vetoed the budget. We will lose \$18,000 in aid (Stabilization Grant). Will be shifted over to taxpayers. Becky asked questions about the stabilization grant and if we can write letters. Right now, it is too late for letters. Superintendent Couture explained adequacy aid per student, which is not changing. Stabilization Grant is being eliminated slowly, 4% per year over 20 years. Discussion ensued.
- e. Bethlehem teacher negotiations at 4pm on October 7th.
- f. General Information: none

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- a. Bob Weir: From Executive Board Meetings- Surveys for Superintendent Couture may occur differently. May have a board member from another school help to facilitate participation.

VI. POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. none

VII. NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS AS PER RSA 91A:3 I, II (if needed)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Question about the fence gate dragging. May need a roller wheel or tension band to assist. Will need to get this fixed. Hollow posts and fencing may crack in the winter. How are they rated for cold weather? Good that we have a warranty. Discussed additional gates in other locations for safety and function. Gates are not locked on the weekends so the playground is fully accessible to the community. Sue will get multiple bids.
- b. New Board Member Interview: Jennifer Lucas. Jennifer told the board about herself and why she is interested in becoming a board member. Board members asked questions and Bob Weir explained in general terms how the monthly meetings are run, budget hearing, annual meeting and the goal of the board to be fiscally responsible. Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY BECKY BENO, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES, TO ACCEPT JENNIFER LUCAS AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION AT 6:38 PM BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY BECKY BENO, TO ADJOURN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

The next Board Meeting will be held on **October 8th at 5:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Giarrocco
Board Clerk