



Bethlehem School Board Minutes

Bethlehem Elementary School

January 9th, 2024

Board Meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Present: Superintendent Kate Segal, Business Manager Toni Butterfield, Chair Robert Weir, BES Principal Sue Greenlaw, Board members Sarah Storella, Jennifer Lucas, Margaret Hocking, Dr. James Noyes, and Board Clerk, Tana LeClair

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes

- A motion was made by Dr. James Noyes to accept the minutes as written, with Jennifer Lucas seconding; the motion passed.

III. Public Input

IV. New Business

- Nothing to report.

V. Continuing Business

1. Review of Esser Grants Funds

2. Review of Federal Grants Funds

- Principal Greenlaw is completing the use of these funds.

VI. Standing Reports

A. Principal

- Winter activities are starting this upcoming Friday the 12th; they were originally planned to begin on the previous Friday, the 5th, but Bretton Woods reached out to request a delay.
- Winter holiday programs were an incredible success; standing room only.
- Winter benchmark testing began yesterday.
- Principal Greenlaw is working to partner as much as possible with the White Mountain School and their students.

- On December 18th, the school had to have an early dismissal due to the storm on that date.
- There are currently ten applicants who have responded to the job posting for BES principal.

B. Superintendent

1. Superintendent Report
2. District NH ED iReport
3. SAS Results by Grade
 - All reports are favorable.

C. Business Administrator

Budget to Actual Report

- Discussion was had by the Board regarding this year's surplus/deficit statement.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Executive Board (BW & JN)

B. Negotiations for Professional Staff (JN & BW)

C. Facilities (BW)

- Fence Repair – The wind storm this past December severely damaged the outdoor fence surrounding the playground; Principal Sue Greenlaw is currently looking into whether insurance will help with the cost to repair or replace it.

D. Finance Committee (JN)

E. Hiring Committee (SS)

- There have been ten applicants so far; the committee has done a prescreening of candidates and narrowed it down to five.

F. Policy Handbook (MH & JL)

G. School Staffing Notifications & Approvals

H. Non-Public Session as per RSA 91A:3, I, II (if needed)

- A motion was made by Dr. James Noyes to go into non-public session at 6:10pm, with Margaret Hocking seconding; the motion passed.

- A motion was made by Dr. James Noyes to come out of non-public session at 6:33pm, with Margaret Hocking seconding; the motion passed.

If anyone has questions about budget numbers, the climate of the school, etc., please feel free to attend a school board meeting and read the publicly accessible meeting minutes.

I. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Margaret Hocking to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm, with Jennifer Lucas seconding; the motion passed unanimously.

Next Board meeting: February 20, 2024, Budget Hearing @ 5:30 PM, board meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Tana LeClair, Board Clerk

Notice is hereby made that public comment shall be made without expectation of a response by any School Board member to matters raised by such commentary. The Board will not hear personal complaints about school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system. The expectation of all in attendance is to conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Board respects the right of the public to communicate its stance of matters of interest, but meetings are scheduled in advance to conduct business put forth on its publicly posted agenda only.