

**BETHLEHEM SCHOOL BOARD
BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MAIN STREET
BETHLEHEM, NH 03574**

**DATE: February 18, 2020
TIME: At the conclusion of the public
hearing**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC HEARING: To accept and appropriate an anonymous donation of \$9000.00, which the school would like to put towards the Swan Program. To accept and appropriate \$41,096 from the Public School Infrastructure Grant for fencing, window film, locks, cameras, phones, etc.

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Weir called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

MOTION BY JENNIFER LUCAS, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE ANONYMOUS DONATION OF \$9000.00 FOR THE SWAN PROGRAM AND \$41,096 FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR FENCING, WINDOW FILM, LOCKS, CAMERAS, PHONES, ETC. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC INPUT: none

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2020 BOARD MEETING

Discussion: Two amendments: change 2019 to 2020 and within Public Input change Layette to Lafayette.

MOTION BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY BECKY BENO, TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2020, AS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

II. FINANCIAL

Business Manager Franklin reviewed the financials and related data. Discussion ensued.

a. Occupational Therapy Contract:

MOTION BY JAMES NOYES, SECONDED BY BECKY BENO, TO APPROVE THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT THROUGH DUSTAN PEDIATRIC SERVICES FOR \$73.20/hr for an OT and \$58.00/hr for a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES.

b. Magnetic Filter Project Bid: Need a filter put on boiler system per Roland C. Abbott Plumbing and Heating. Will extend the life of the boiler system. Discussion ensued. Bid for \$6,628 from Littleton Area Plumbing and Heating, Inc. and \$6,535.00 from Roland C. Abbott Plumbing and Heating.

MOTION BY BECKY BENO, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES, TO ACCEPT THE MAGNETIC FILTER PROJECT BID FROM ROLAND C. ABBOTT PLUMBING AND HEATING FOR \$6,535.00. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

c. General Information: Business Manager Franklin reviewed the proposed new budget changes/additions. Recommend increasing the budget by \$22,000 for electricity. Playground information added into the budget for measure of accountability. Discussion ensued. Adequacy Aid \$654,620 next year. Changes year to year. Based on enrollments. Possibly \$21,000 less next year. Stabilization Grant: restored to 100% with approval of budget this past year. Per

student rate \$3700/student each year. \$1800 for students with special needs and \$1800 if free and reduced lunch. Now get aid for kindergarten. Do not get aid for preschool. Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY BECKY BENO, SECONDED BY JAMES NOYES, TO INCREASE THE BUDGET BY \$22,000 FOR ELECTRICITY, FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,277,177. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIES

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Greenlaw reviewed Principal's Report and related data. Discussion ensued.

- a. Principal's Written Report: Discussed play last Friday. Phenomenal! Winter Benchmarking: went well, improvement in fall to winter scores, STAR testing: not timed, computer test, went well. Timed test, paper/pencil, students struggle more, especially because it is timed. Discussed trends re: electronics vs reading books and impact of social media overall. No longer do PACE but still do performance-based assessments, projects to show what students know. Students respond positively and remain interested.
- b. General Information: none

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture reviewed the following and related data.

- a. HEB Structural Assessment: We cannot put solar panels on the roof without significant changes. Don't add insulation, either. Good to know, money well spent.
- b. Data Security & Suicide Prevention Update: Suicide Prevention – state mandated 2 hours annually of prevention training for all staff, including Café Services and bus drivers. School Psych - Emily Russell - will be taking the lead, took the Youth Mental Health First Aid course train the trainer. She provided one training so she will have someone in each building to help her for August trainings at each school. Protocol being designed "what to do if". NH has 4th highest youth suicide rate in the country.

Data Security Team: Business Manager Franklin, Superintendent Couture and 5 building level tech coordinators are team. Unfunded mandate, any site where you must log-on must be approved. Need a Data Governance Plan, completed last week.

- c. General Information: none

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

- a. Bob Weir – Executive Board issue - article written about superintendent eval comments being released, agreed at the meeting to do so, but some comments made outside of the meeting that were not the thoughts of the full E-board, the E-board created a response, which will be published tomorrow. Also a letter from the board to the board member about the comments.

VI. POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. None

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

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:18 PM BY TIMOTHY FLEURY, SECONDED BY JENNIFER LUCAS. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES.

NOTE THE DATE AND TIME: The next Board Meeting will be held on **March 17th at 5:00 pm** BEFORE the Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Giarrocco
Board Clerk