

**Sheldon Elementary School
Board of Director's Meeting
June 10, 2014**

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on June 10, 2014 @ 5:30 pm at Sheldon School.

Those in attendance were Board members Travis Perry, Jason McConnell, Celeste Kane-Stebbins, Administrators Jack McCarthy, Becky Hart, Principal Linda Keating and Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. A Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for public access. Guest includes Michael Weber.

Call to order

Mr. McConnell called the board meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Citizens and Staff

Mr. Weber, Education Technology Specialist and Forest Committee Chair, reported on the completion of the Comcast hookup. After a few minor adjustments, the network is working very well.

Mr. Weber, in role of Forest Committee Chair, presented a proposal to add an event to the annual Forest Festival. The Committee would like to hold a 5 K Sheldon Bears and a 1 K Bear Cub Race using the Forest Trails. Adding the races will help introduce area citizens to our Community Forest as well as be a fundraiser event to continue trail maintenance, possibly add a sugar house in the future and execute other forest upgrades. Mr. Weber also distributed a draft "waiver of liability" form for race entrants to sign before participating. The Forest Committee will continue to work with the Sheldon PTO to round out the Forest Festival events.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Perry made a motion to accept the May, 2014 board minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kane-Stebbins and passed 3-0.

Correspondence

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Contracts

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Old Business

Becky Hart looked into the interest and the principal balance of the Dunsmore Account questioned last board meeting by Town Auditor, Mr. Derry. Ms. Hart shared the difference in question was the amount of accrued interest. Ms. Kane-Stebbins made a motion, to allow the interest to accrue with the CD principal in order to increase income from accrued interest; motion seconded by Travis Perry. The motion passed 3-0.

Ms. Keating contacted an engineer to begin discussion regarding building improvements. The engineer suggested first contacting an architect to begin the process.

Business Manager's Report

Financial Report

Ms. Hart reported the carryover balance is down slightly from previous month due to special education tuitions billed at the end of the year.

Celeste Kane-Stebbins made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Travis Perry. Motion passed 3-0.

The board set a date of Wednesday, June 25, 2014 @ 5:30pm to approve final warrants for the fiscal year.

Check Warrants

(Not applicable to Sheldon agenda.)

Other

Principal's Report

Technology Update

See Citizens and Staff

SWIFT Update

The SWIFT adoption vote will take place in August.

School Wide Title One

Because of Sheldon School's high poverty rate Sheldon will become a Title 1 School as of July 1st 2014. This means our entire school is eligible for Title 1 intervention allowing accessible and inclusive support in every classroom for ALL students.

Improvement Plan

Ms. Keating presented a reported outlining the supervisory strategic School Wide Plan.

Updates and Announcements

Ms. Keating was pleased to present the newly hired teachers for the next school year, with the exception of Brian Neufeld, who will be moving to the area in mid summer. Michelle Spence from the Early Childhood Program has hired Erinn Wetherby as our new Sheldon Pre-school teacher.

Leading, Teaching and Learning

Ms. Keating continues to be excited about the CliF Grant and the incredible opportunity it brings to our school for the 2014-15 school year. The grant will provide our teachers and students with:

- Work with Author Natalie Kinsey Warner
- Monthly books for children;
- Parent workshops –How to Inspire Children at Home;
- Writing Workshops with varied Vermont authors;
- Generous mini-grants available for teachers.

The Clif Grant Kickoff will take place at our Welcome Back Summer BBQ.

The District continues to prepare for the new SBAC statewide testing for Grade 3-8 spring assessments. School SWAT Teams have been established and will begin meeting in August to prepare teachers and students.

Reading assessments have been completed for the school year using F & P benchmarks. Most grade levels show significant improvement from the previous year.

Facilities

To be shared in Executive Session.

Upcoming Events

Ms. Keating invited board members to join us for our 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony on Thursday, June 12th @ 6:30 pm. Our last student day is Friday, June 13. Inservice will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 16 & 17

Other

The Board requested information regarding the 2014-15 staff roster and assignments.

Superintendent's Report

Negotiations

The next negotiations meeting will be held at MVU on June 18th @ 5:30PM.

Legislative Educational Items

Dr. McCarthy shared the Legislative Report with Board Members.

Other

None

New Business

The Board was very excited about the Forest Run as presented by Mr. Weber. Mr. McConnell made a motion to approve the Forest Race Event, seconded by Celeste Kane-Stebbins. Motion passed 3-0. Dr. McCarthy will send the draft waiver form to the school attorney for review.

Other

Mr. McConnell expressed his gratitude to Dr. McCarthy for his dedication to the teachers and students in our district.

Mr. Perry suggested emailing packets rather than mailing the board packets each month.

Meeting Dates

End of year Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 2014 @ 5:30PM.

Next regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 5:30PM

Executive Session

Mr. McConnell made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss student issues, contracts, and a legal issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry; motion passed 3-0. The board moved into Executive Session at 6:40PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Travis Perry moved to deny the request for payment of kindergarten tuition to Williston; Celeste Kane-Stebbins seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The Board directed Dr. McCarthy to send a written response to the requestors.

The Board reviewed and signed orders and signed contracts for support staff and newly-hired teachers.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Kane-Stebbins; seconded by Mr. McConnell. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Kane-Stebbins, Board Clerk

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary