

**Sheldon Elementary School
Board of Director's Meeting
January 13, 2015**

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on January 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM @ Sheldon School.

Those in attendance were Board Members Celeste Kane-Stebbins, Jason McConnell and Travis Perry, Superintendent Winton Goodrich, Business Manager Rebecca Hart, Principal Linda Keating and Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. A Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for Public Access TV.

Guest Bryan Derry, arrived @ 5:45PM.

Call to order

Mr. McConnell called the Board meeting to order at 5:35 PM and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Agenda Revision**

PLC (Professional Learning Community) will be tabled for the March Board Meeting. Town Meeting Discussion (See New Business).

Comments and Correspondence

- Possible Topics for Future Board Meeting Agendas

Professional Learning Community (PLC) Presentation

(See Agenda Revision) Presentation is tabled for the March Board Meeting.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins moved to approve December, 2014 board notes after a minor time change regarding adjournment of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry and passed 3-0.

Old Business

- School Siding Proposal
No further discussion at this time.

Business Manager's Report

- **Financial Report**

Mrs. Hart presented the Board with Draft 3 of the FY'16 budget. Tuition rates were also announced for the 2015/16 school year:

- Elementary Rates \$10,186
- Middle School Rates \$11,097

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins moved to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Check Warrants**
Ready for Board review.

- **Contracts**
To be discussed in Executive Session.

Principal's Report

- **Updates, Announcements & Celebrations**

Clif Grant update:

- Welcome Visiting Author – Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
The renowned author begins her two-month residency on the “Storykeepers Project” this week;
- Monthly book give away continues.

Mrs. Keating also presented the January calendar; including dates for high school connections for 8th graders and their parents.

- **Leading, Teaching & Learning**

The software program, Goal View, currently used by Special Educators for IEP students district wide is now available to support tracking students on 504 and EST plans. This will improve multi-tiered systems of supports for these students.

- January Inservice /Monday the 19th
Swift partners; Highgate & Sheldon Schools will be working together moving forward with PLC strategic planning.

Mrs. Keating presented the Board with math, literacy and behavior information by grade clusters prompting board discussion regarding student performance and necessary action steps.

- **Facilities**

Necessary small building repairs were accomplished during the December holiday break. Middle School bathrooms were repainted preparing them for an art project designed to promote self-esteem for students in grades 5-8.

HVAC repairs will take place over February Break.

Superintendent Goodrich shared that he recently met with all FNWSU custodians to share costs and ideas; joint purchasing was also discussed. Meetings with district custodian staff will take place monthly.

- **Monthly SWIFT BIT**
‘High expectations’ continue for ALL students; including students on IEP’s (Individual Education Plans).

Superintendent’s Report

- **Budget Development**
To be discussed in Executive Session.
- **Report on Advocacy with Enosburg and BFA School Boards**
Mr. Perry, Mr. McConnell, and Superintendent Goodrich visited both the EFHS & BFA School Board Meetings to address Sheldon high school transportation directly; Mrs. Keating joined the team at the BFA meeting.
 - EFHS FY’16 budget will include high school busing for Sheldon students;
 - At this time, the BFA Board had not made a decision.

New Business

Revision: Town Meeting Discussion

Preparation for town meeting discussion includes:

- School Board Annual Report (highlights school year and decisions made by board);
- Budget Highlights; key changes, etc.
- Power Point Presentation

Other

Mr. Goodrich reminded the Board and community members of the open invitation to the Strategic Planning Forum being held at MVU on January 28th.

Mr. Derry asked the board if the Sheldon School water bill had remained the same. The school in fact, is still being charged at a ‘flat’ water usage rate.

Mr. Derry also requested that the Budget Informational Meetings be held after town residents receive the Annual Sheldon Town Report.

The Budget Informational Presentations are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, February 18 @ 7PM
- Monday, March 2nd @ 7PM

The Board reviewed and signed a contract for the Behavior Support Assistant.

Meeting Dates

- Strategic Planning Forum @ MVU January 28, 2015 2:30 – 8:30PM
- SU Carousel Meeting – February 4, 6:00PM @ Highgate
- Sheldon Board Meeting – February 4, 8:00PM @ Highgate School

Executive Session

Mrs. Kane Stebbins, moved to go into Executive Session @ 6:40PM to discuss a contract, related to the FY '16 budget, and negotiations update. The motion was seconded by Travis Perry and passed 3-0.

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins moved to approve a FY 2015-2016 proposed school budget of \$5,770,300.00, a 2.98% increase from the current year; motion seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passed 3-0.

Ms. Kane-Stebbins moved the Board direct the Superintendent to send letter to family as discussed in executive session to either provide proof of residency in town of Sheldon or pay tuition, otherwise child must attend school in town of current residency; motion seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passed 3-0.

Board exited executive session @ 8:12pm.

Board reviewed and signed orders.

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary