

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

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on October 13, 2015, 5:30PM at Sheldon Elementary School. Those in attendance were Board Members Travis Perry (arrived @ 5:45PM), Celeste Kane-Stebbins and Jason McConnell, Superintendent Winton Goodrich, Business Manager, Rebecca Hart, Bookkeeper/Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. (Principal Christie Martin is participating in the Vermont School Leadership Academy and was not able to attend.) A Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for public access television.

Call to Order

Ms. Kane-Stebbins called the meeting to order @ 5:30PM.

Comments and Correspondence from the Public

None

Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes

Jason McConnell made a motion to accept the September Board Minutes as presented; seconded by Celeste Kane-Stebbins. Motion passed 2-0.

Business Report

Finance Report

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Jason McConnell. Motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. Hart presented Draft 1 of the FY'17 budget; including

- Existing staff (master agreement scale in place);
- 7.9% increase in Health Care Cost;
- 8% increase in Dental insurance;
- Slight increase in Transportation;
- Tuition (more information available @ next meeting);
- FNWSU budgets (more information available @next meeting);
- Draft 1 increase is under 3%;

Mrs. Kane-Stebbins asked Ms. Hart to show what % increase / % decrease in FNWSU budget changes (projections will be presented at the next board meeting). Mrs. Kane-Stebbins also requested % increase notations for each section of the budget.

Security upgrades (servers and cameras) were discussed. Mr. Goodrich will look into a proposal Mrs. Kane-Stebbins shared her thoughts regarding a possible Bond Proposal to present at the March Town Meeting for upcoming school building needs including necessary security upgrades and other building improvements.

Warrants

The Board reviewed and signed warrants

Principal's Report

Updates, Announcements and Celebrations

- Lyn Lauffer and Lisa Bird recently presented at the Red Clover Conference at the Lake Morey Inn; their session was very well attended.
- Sheldon School's Open House & Spaghetti Dinner was another HUGE success! Nearly 450 people were served dinner. Many thanks to the Sheldon PTO for a wonderful meal.
- The annual Sheldon Forest Fall Festival 1 K Cub Run and 5 K Adult Race was also a great success on a beautiful day. There was face painting, nature and story walks, storytelling, apple pressing, 'trunk or treat' and lunch! The Fall Festival is sponsored by the Forest Committee.

Leading, Teaching, and Learning

Mrs. Martin is attending the Vermont School Leadership Program three days this week.

Math Best Practice Studio continued last week with leadership training, planning and classroom engagement. Math teachers worked together to teach, observe and engage students.

Our latest faculty meeting focused on sharing of individual goals for student learning.

Preliminary Review of SBAC Assessment

- Comprehensive Training Communication is ongoing regarding assessing test results;
- Formative and Summative Assessments are giving better results for moving forward with student learning;
- There is more information and directives to emerge from the Agency of Education on SBAC results and how scores are measured.
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Calendar Highlights

n/a

Superintendent's Report

Act 46 Update

1. Options

2. Study committee

- There will be an organizational meeting for upcoming forums;
- There is a signed contract with the Vermont School Boards Association for Peter Clark and Michael Deweese to facilitate the study;
- Timelines for forums will be created and perimeters will be defined;
- The \$5,000 study will be ready for Town Meeting discussion.

Mrs. Kane Stebbins discussed a way to communicate with legislatures about Act 46.

Education Quality Review Discussion

- FNSWU has been selected to join the discussion;
- A team of 10 adults / 5 students (districtwide) will be chosen to meet on March 30 & 31;
- There will be a site visit and visiting team;
- Team will learn about the quality component of Act 46;
- 5 domains: Academic Achievement, Personalized Learning, Safe & School Climate, High Quality Staffing, Financial Efficiencies;
- Sub cost reimbursement / stipends for individuals

OLD BUSINESS

Harassment, Bullying and Hazing Policy *-(Second Reading)*

Ms. Kane-Stebbins made a motion to adopt the Harassment, Bullying and Hazing Policy; seconded by Jason McConnell. Motion passed 3-0.

Budget Visioning and Development

- **Facilities** (See Finance Report)

NEW Business

n/a

Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session @ 6:49PM to discuss a negotiation and contract issue.

- Possible Action - Offer non-union employee pro-rated cash in lieu of health insurance up to \$1,000.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:10PM.

Future Board Meeting Dates

FNWSU Board - November 4th, 6:30PM Swanton

Sheldon Elementary Board Meeting - November 10th, 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McConnell, Board Clerk

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary