

Sheldon Elementary School  
Board of Director's Meeting  
January 12, 2016

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 5:30PM at Sheldon Elementary School. Those in attendance were Board Members Travis Perry, Celeste Kane-Stebbins and Jason McConnell, Superintendent Winton Goodrich, Principal, Christie Martin, Business Manager, Rebecca Hart, Bookkeeper/Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for public access television.

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Travis Perry called the meeting to order @ 5:38 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Comments and Correspondence from the Public**

None

**Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes**

Approval of minutes are tabled for the February Board Meeting.

**Business Report**

**Check Warrants**

The Board reviewed and signed warrants.

**Finalize School Budget**

Updates include:

- area high school announced tuition rates are lower than previous drafts, totaling \$17,000;
- includes new Supervisory Union assessments;
- vocational tuition lines updated;
- BC/BS changes for staff.

FY'17 budget amount is \$5,990,117 - Increase of 3.81%

-high percent of increase due to salaries and insurance costs.

Jason McConnell made a motion to accept the proposed FY'17 budget of \$5,990,117; seconded by Celeste Kane-Stebbins. Motion passed 3-0.

There will be a budget presentation for the community at the February Board Meeting, February 17th @ 6M and on February 29th @ 7PM.

**Other**

Tuition Announcements for FY- '17

Grades K-6 \$10,582 - Grades 7-8 \$11,695

Jason McConnell made a motion to accept the Tuition Rate Calculations for FY'17; seconded by Celeste Kane-Stebbins. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Principal's Report**

#### **Updates, Announcements and Celebrations**

The installation of an additional fire alarm in the East Wing hallway, as discussed during the last board meeting, has been completed.

Sheldon School's holiday event (including a holiday dinner, concert, art show and Title 1 math & literacy event) was a huge success and very well attended. Parents were appreciative of having the combined events.

Basketball is in full swing for students in grades 5/6 and 7/8; there is also a great group of volunteer coaches working with students in grades K-4.

We have a new commitment to a wellness staff initiative; this last week several staff members either took a winter walk in the forest or participated in African drumming.

#### **Leading, Teaching, and Learning**

The staff continues to work with Tina Boogren, a research consultant, to understand instructional framework to create committed and cohesive teaching promoting student learning.

Plans are beginning to evolve for I Love to Read and Write week (February 15-19).

#### **Calendar Highlights**

- PTO Movie Night - January 15
- Ski Day (Grades 5-8) - January 19  
(77 students attended the last ski trip)
- Math Best Practices Studio Day - February 2 & 3
- Winter Walk Day - February 5
- Anthony Muhammed Professional Learning - February 1

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Board Member Elections**

Celeste Kane-Stebbins will not be running for board member re-election in March.

#### **Legislative Update**

Allowable Growth Percentage was one of the discussions during this last month at the Legislative session.

#### **Solar Electric Update**

There was discussion regarding holding future electrical costs down with solar energy which could reduce costs by 30%.

## **Act 46 Update**

### **Side by Side Options**

There was continued discussion on Act 46 and possible school combinations and dynamics.

## **Act 46 Feedback Forums**

**January 13th in Swanton**

**January 20th in Sheldon**

**January 27th in Highgate**

Jason McConnell will write a Letter to the Editor inviting community members to the ACT 46 Forum.

## **Anthony Muhammed Professional Learning**

**Board Members Invited - Feb 1**

**Legion Hall - St. Albans**

## **Other**

Discussion for the FY'17 tentative school calendar for next year has started. The first day of school will be on August 31st. The winter break will be later than normal due to the late Town Meeting Day.

## **Old Business**

### **HVAC Control Tech Repair Update**

-updates have been completed and heating system functioning well;

-10-year plan for every classroom to have individual thermostat control as well as monitoring air flow;

-no annual fee.

### **Siding Repair Deliberations**

There was discussion whether or not to include funds in the FY'17 budget to upgrade siding needing to be replaced; with every effort made to keep the budget increase as little as possible, no funds were added in the FY'17 budget.

## **NEW Business**

### **Board Message for Town Report**

Board members will work on the town report within the next two weeks.

### **Executive Session**

Celeste Kane-Stebbins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session; seconded by Jason McConnell. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:20 and entered into Executive Session. to discuss negotiations and a contract. The Board exited Executive session @ 8:00PM. No action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

The Board Meeting was adjourned @ 8:35PM.

**Future Board Meeting Dates**

- Sheldon Elementary Board Meeting - February 17th @ 5:30pm
- FNWSU Board - April 6 @ 6:30PM @ Swanton Central

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McConnell, Board Member

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary