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

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 16 @ 5:30PM at Sheldon Elementary School. Those in attendance were Board Members Travis Perry, Jason McConnell and Julia Callan, Superintendent Winton Goodrich , Business Managers, Rebecca Hart and Lora McAllister, Principal Christie Martin and Bookkeeper/Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. A Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for public access television.

**Call to Order**

Travis Perry called the meeting to order @ 5:37 pm.

**Comments and Correspondence from the Public**

None

**Approval of September 13th Board Meeting Minutes**

Jason McConnell made a motion to accept the September, 2016 Board minutes as printed, seconded by Julia Callan. Motion passed 3-0.

**Business Report**

**Check Warrants**

The Board reviewed and signed warrants.

**Budget Development**

Mr. Goodrich presented a timeline discussion for budget development. Budget consideration and discussion included:

- MVU / Title 1 School affiliation may affect Sheldon budget;
- Sheldon's need for additional Literacy Intervention;
- upcoming negotiations;
- SU Special Education assessments / higher needs probable;
- additional daily bus?/sport bus?
- smaller freshman class;
- facility updates and priorities.

**Principal's Report**

**Science NECAP Results / SBAC Comparisons**

Mrs. Martin presented Science NECAP /SBAC results for grade 4 and 8 students with comparisons at the District and State levels.

**Spelling Team**

Several Sheldon 5th & 6th grade students participated in the District Spelling Competition last week. Congratulations to our spellers with their advisor Jessica Bourbeau, 5/6th grade teacher, for their hard work.

## **Leading, Teaching and Learning**

Kosha Patel and Faith Johnson, Literacy and Math Specialists, will be at the November Board Meeting to present Math and Literacy student performance data .

Mrs. Martin will graduate from the Vermont School Leadership Project, an 18-month program, on November 12th.

## **Calendar Highlights**

October 21 & 25th - Fall Break

October 28 - Staff vs Middle School Football Game and Spirit Events

October 28 - Fall Festival (1K & 5K race, haunted forest, Trunk or Treat & Crock Pot Cook off)

November 2 - PTO Meeting in Library, 5:30PM

## **Inservice**

Teachers are working on Design Question 6 this trimester:

.... "What will I do to establish and maintain classroom rules and procedures?" Teachers continue to design the physical space and have procedures in place to improve classroom structure by:

1. Establishing classroom routines;
2. Organizing the physical layout of the classroom for learning.

## **Updates Announcements and Celebrations**

We have two new babies this month; congratulations to Preschool Teacher Allison Narkewicz and our Technology Specialist, Yeshua Pastina!

We continue to use Twitter and Facebook to share our daily school community news and updates.

Classrooms continue to collect bear paws to track positive behavior and we celebrated our second community goal with a "morning High 5" with the Sheldon BEAR. Our **BEAR** expectations are **B**elonging, **E**ngaged, **A**cting kindly, **R**esponsibility & **S**afety.

This week Middle School Teacher, Amy Gray was nominated for our Sheldon Staff of the Week for her patience, dedication and collaboration with students and colleagues. Earlier paraprofessionals Kay Grimes and Kalen Kane were recognized and last week Erika Lamothe, our Abbey Food Service Manager was nominated.

## **Open House**

No discussion.

## **Other**

Mrs. Martin would like to organize an Athletic Council comprising of coaches, parents, students and staff.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Facility Audit Update**

Mr. Goodrich will contact Cross Engineering to see when audit results can be expected.

## **ACT 46 Independent Study Update**

There was discussion regarding a compilation from Consultant Terri O'Shea including:

- enrollment
- student population, ELL, Free & Reduced, etc.
- tuition students
- assessment scores
- demographics
- staff turnover
- operational facilities
- barriers
- geographic isolation
- transparency and accountability
- equity of learning opportunity

Mr. McConnell shared that the Committee is moving forward, gathering all criteria for a proposal. He also shared he felt the information and discussions coming from the meetings are another avenue for School Improvement.

## **NARCAN**

With the high prevalence of drug abuse in Franklin County, Mr. Goodrich is beginning a discussion and awareness with district officials about the possibility and availability of NARCAN on site at schools.

## **Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Policy Information**

Work is continuing with a 4-year District Grant of \$30,000/year with a Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Policy.

## **VEHI Health Care Plan Information**

Negotiation position will be discussed in Executive Session; ..what are the implications and options for our supervisory union?

## **Drone Policy Discussion**

VSBIT is encouraging School Districts to consider a Drone Policy.

## **Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Policy Review**

Discussion regarding combining these policies.

## **Old Business**

### **Security Camera Policy Adoption**

Jason McConnell made a motion to adopt the Security Camera Policy as printed; seconded by Julia Callan. Motion passed 3-0.

## **New Business**

### **Transportation Issue**

There was continued discussion on the length of bus routes. An additional bus would cost between \$32,000 - \$34,000 for the remainder of the school year. The Board agreed to look into the possibility of an additional bus for FY18.

**Snow Plowing Contract**

Julia Callan made a motion to accept the snow plowing contract with Goodhue Excavation for this winter season, seconded by Jason McConnell. Motion passed 3-0. Board Chair, Mr. Perry, signed the contract.

**Other**

Mr. Goodrich shared continuing Special Education needs for additional personnel within the district that may affect district budgets for FY17. The Board encouraged collaboration within the supervisory union to assist with students with special needs.

**Anticipated Executive Session**

Jason McConnell made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Julia Callan. Motion passed 3-0.

**Exit Executive Session****Future Board Meeting Dates**

FNWSU Board Meeting - November 2nd, 6:30PM @ Franklin

Sheldon Elementary Board Meeting - November 8th @ 5:30PM

VSBA Board Chair Training - October 19th, 1:00 - 7:00 PM at Lake Morey

Act 46 Independent Study Meeting - October 17th, 7:00PM @ MVU Library

VSBA Fall Conference - October 20th and 21st @ Lake Morey

VEHI Annual Meeting - October 21st, 8:00AM @ Lake Morey

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McConnell, Board Clerk

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary