

Sheldon Elementary School
Board of Director's Meeting
September 13, 2016

The Sheldon School Board of Directors met on Tuesday, September 13th @ 5:30PM at Sheldon Elementary School. Those in attendance were Board Members Jason McConnell and Julia Callan, Superintendent Winton Goodrich, Business Manager, Becky Hart, Principal Christie Martin and Bookkeeper/Board Secretary Debbie Kittell. A Channel 15 representative attended the meeting taping it for public access television.

Guests include Marianne Gamache.

Call to Order

Julia Callan called the meeting to order @ 5:35 pm.

Comments and Correspondence from the Public

Ms. Gamache asked information regarding upcoming Act 46 meeting dates.

Approval of August 9th Board Meeting Minutes

Jason McConnell made a motion to approve the August, 2016 Board minutes, seconded by Julia Callan. Motion passed 2-0.

Business Report

Check Warrants

To be reviewed and signed.

Currently, we are \$50,000 under budget.

Copier Equipment Sharing Agreement

We are in a new year of a five-year cycle for the copier lease. This cycle adds printers (except newly purchased ones); the lease also includes toner supplies. MVU will hold the lease with a sharing agreement. The copier lease with SPC was negotiated as a Supervisory Union.

Jason McConnell made a motion to authorize the superintendent to approve the sharing agreement and authorized Mr. Goodrich to sign on behalf of Sheldon School for Sheldon's copy and lease agreement. Seconded by Julia Callan. Motion passed 2-0.

"Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of the law of the State of Vermont, Sheldon Town School District agrees, subject to annual appropriations being made therefore, to pay to Missisquoi Valley Union High School District #7, for equipment described at Exhibit A attached hereto, the amounts described at Exhibit B attached hereto, to help the Issuing District pay a portion of a tax-exempt lease-purchase between the Issuing District and M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, dated August 2, 2016."

The vote was duly adopted by the School Board of the District, has not been modified in any respect since the date of adoption, and remains in full force and effect on the date hereof.

Principal's Report

Updates, Announcements and Celebrations

A successful Inservice included professional development for all staff from Tina Boogren (Marzano Research) on using and understanding framework for instruction.

Sheldon staff also took part in Safety & Security Training and art teacher, Lisa Bresler, led the staff in an outstanding first day of Inservice with Circle Painting.

Inservice for para-educators included a highly successful training with NCSS...Responding to Challenging Behaviors for Paraeducators.

We celebrated our 1st Community Goal with a dance party and popsicles .Classrooms are collecting 'bear paws' to encourage and track positive behaviors in and around the classroom. (PBIS)

Leading, Teaching, and Learning

Many teachers will be participating in a Literacy Course with Literacy Specialist Deb Boucher. Teachers will look at alternative ways to assess student proficiency.

Mrs. Martin and Yeshua Pastina will be participating in a close study of MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support)... "how can we become more effective when kids are struggling".

WCAX - Cool Schools Live @ 5 will be here tomorrow to visit our school for a broadcast on Thursday morning. Some of the topics covered are:

- Sheldon Forest, and all the ways we use the forest
- Farm to School...composting, greenhouse, snack, meat birds
- Wellness and our connection to Rise Vermont
- Barn Quilts and connection with the Community

Calendar Highlights

School Picture Day	- Wednesday, September 21st
Open House and Spaghetti Dinner	- Thursday, September 22nd 6PM
Early Release Day (11:30)	- Friday, September 30th

Other

Enrollment is currently at 264 for students in grades K-8 and 31 students are enrolled in preschool (3 & 4yr olds).

Superintendent's Report

Facility Audit Update

Mr. Goodrich reported the facility audit is about 1/3 completed. Completion will be in time for budget consideration.

Security Cameras

See New Business

FNWSU Negotiations Council Representatives

Mr. McConnell is the Board representative for Support Staff negotiations. Ms. Callan is the primary representative for Professional Staff and Mr. Perry is the backup representative.

The next meeting is September 22 @ 6pm at the MVU Library; the collective session is scheduled for September 28 @ 6pm.

ACT 46 Independent Study Update

Board representative Jason McConnell reported meetings have become very productive; the committee unanimously selected Terry O'Shea as the Consultant. The committee would like to present to the community and possibly be ready for a vote on Town Meeting Day.

Playground Inspection (Possible Action)

There was discussion on the inspection and short term upgrades. There is long range planning to replace design chips for fall zones under the play structures. Further discussion will take place during budget planning for the FY'18 school year.

High School Transportation Concerns

Currently, there are four elementary buses with bus rides as long as 75 minutes. The average is about one hour. MVU has door-to-door pick up; BFA and EFHS have arranged 'pooled' stops for pick up and drop offs. It is noted that busing for high school students is the receiving school responsibility. Concerns on both the length of the bus rides and high school bus stops were discussed.

There will be further discussion in Executive Session

Logging Update

The logging job is unfinished at this time. Mr. Goodrich will talk with Mr. Dodd to discuss completion of the project. It is expected that the Sheldon Town will repair the fence and chip the brush. The School Board agreed that they would like the project to be completed as soon as possible.

SU Collaborative Board Meeting Discussion

October 5th @ Swanton Elementary
6PM...All Schools Agenda: Roll out budget process
7PM - Local Schools break out into individual meetings

VEHI Health Care Plan Meeting

Monday, September 19th, 3:30 - 5:00 PM , MVU Theatre

Old Business

Water Use Report

Mr. Goodrich attended a recent Sheldon Board Selectman meeting and the water use report remains the same. Water meters are up and running with a 6-month trial and they are working on calibration. Once completed there will be a transition from a flat rate to water usage metering.

Mr. Comstock also attended the meeting and an Emergency Plan was shared for coordination with Sheldon Town Crisis plan.

New Business

Mr. Goodrich presented a policy for Security Cameras for Board consideration. The Security Camera Policy will be warned by October 5th.

Anticipated Executive Session

Jason McConnell made a motion to enter into Executive Session @ 6:56pm, seconded by Julia Callan. Motion passed 2-0.

Exit Executive Session

No action taken.

Future Board Meeting Dates

- **VEHI Health Care Plan Meeting - Sept 19th, 3:30-5:00PM, MVU Theatre**
- **FNWSU Collaborative Board Meeting - October 5th, 6:00PM @ Swanton**
- **Sheldon Elementary Board Meeting - October 5th, 7:00PM @ Swanton**
- **VSBA Board Chair Training - October 19th, 12:00 -7:00PM @ Lake Morey**
- **VSBA Fall Conference-October 20th & 21st @ Lake Morey**
- **VEHI Annual Meeting - October 21st, 8:00AM @ Lake Morey**
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Respectfully submitted,

Jason McConnell, Board Clerk

Debbie Kittell, Board Secretary