

Brighton Elementary School Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Members:

Katie Mientka

Jeanne Gervais

Melanie Yasharian

Cass Lyons

David Pepin

Justice Clark

Administrators:

John Castle, Superintendent

Denise Russell, Principal

Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Financial Office

I. The Financial Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

A. One community member and one staff member were present. The Board would like to thank them for attending.

II. The Financial Meeting ended and the regular Board meeting was called to order by Katie Mientka at 6:45.

III. Approval of Minutes

Melanie Yasharian motioned to accept the minutes of January 11, 2017: Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in Favor, So Moved.

IV. Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens

One parent/community member and one staff member were present. The Board would like to thank them for their communication and for attending.

V. Financial Report

A. Glen Hankinson commented that expenditures at this point in the school year were \$159,000 to the good.

Action

A. Warrants were reviewed and signed.

B. The Financial Report of January 2017 was reviewed and accepted by David Pepin - Seconded by Melanie Yasharian. All in Favor, So Moved.

VI. Principal's Report

A. The Principal's Report was presented by Denise Russell and accepted by Jeanne Gervais-Seconded by David Pepin. All in Favor, So Moved.

B. Denise Russell made brief comments on the student and staff preparations for the upcoming Vermont History Day.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. John Castle showed a short video that described Personalization/ Proficiency Based Learning.

B. John Castle raised a discussion on how to make up a school day that was cancelled due to very special circumstances with consideration to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. John Castle will request that the Secretary of Education grant a Day of Mourning to Brighton School.

VIII. Unfinished/New Business

- A. Katie Mientka continued the monthly discussion regarding Act 46 Community Conversations. David Pepin is in the process of scheduling a meeting for February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with 7 to 9 participants.
- B. The Annual Report has gone to print and will be back soon.
- C. Preparations for the Town Meeting were discussed briefly.
- D. Denise Russell commented that the Winter Programming has been highly successful this year. "It is one of the best things we do." Staff member Deb. Ahrens added that the winter programming for grades K-2 has led to more students trying new things and taking risks.
- E. Denise Russell commented that the School Literacy Assessment Data Review shows that students are showing growth on all three tiers of instruction.
- F. Updated Staffing Changes include two new para's. One was hired last month (January) and Erin Hill (formally assistant cook) hired this month. This change necessitated the hiring of a new assistant cook, Julie Cushing.

Action

- A. Jeanne Gervais motioned to accept the Audit Bid from Pace & Hawley @ **\$4,650.00**. Cass Lyons Seconded. All in Favor, So Moved.
- B. Jeanne Gervais motioned to accept the 2017-2018 Bus Lease/Maintenance Bid from Butler's Bus Service @ **\$50,225.00** for Regular Home to School Transportation with an additional **\$2.05** per mile and **\$20.25** per hour for Field Trips/Charter. Melanie Yasharian seconded. All in Favor, So Moved..

IX. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting:

The Brighton School Annual Town Meeting is set for Monday, March 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Brighton School Board Meeting is set for Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 6:00.

X. Adjourned : 7:50

Submitted by Gayle Kinney-Cornelius