

**Brighton Elementary School Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

Members:

Katie Mientka
Jeanne Gervais
Cass Lyons
David Yasharian
Bradley Beth

Administrators:

April Lane, Principal
*John Castle, Superintendent
Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Director of Finance

**Denotes Absentees*

I. The meeting was called to order by Katie Mientka at 6:00pm.

II. Approve the minutes of December 13, 2018. Jeanne Gervais moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Citizen/Staff. N/A

IV. Financial Report.

- A. Warrants were approved.
- B. Mr. Hankinson discussed the financial report for December 2018. As of now, BES has a net balance of \$4010.98. If there is a deficit at year-end, monies from the fund balance may be used to bridge the gap. David Yasharian moved to approve the December 2018 financial report. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Approve FY 2020 Budget. Major drivers in the FY 2020 budget include changes in health care, contingency for negotiations, and staffing changes needed to accommodate student needs. The proposed budget is \$2,077,700, an increase of 7.7%. The estimated tax rate increase is 1.4331, an increase of 3.61%. Cass Lyons moved to approve the proposed FY 2020 budget. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Approve Articles and Warning. Bradley Beth moved to approve the Articles and Warning for Town Meeting 2019 (Monday, March 4 @ 7:00pm). Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Schedule Budget Information Meeting. Per the Warning, there will be an information meeting on the FY 2020 budget on February 13 @ 6:30, to be followed by the regular Board meeting.

V. Principal's Report. Ms. Lane discussed the ongoing issues with the boiler. Tardiff's replaced the control box, and the problem seems to be resolved. Ms. Lane also pointed out that minor disciplinary referrals have decreased 50%. She attributes this to the proactive work of the Student Support Room. Students can take preventative breaks. As well, positive recognition has helped curbed these behaviors.

BES also received a sizeable donation. These funds will be used to purchase new boys basketball uniforms. The Board and BES community thanks our generous donor!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! The BES Facebook page is up and running; posts update the community on important events (e.g. weather delays, celebrations, etc.).

Jeanne Gervais moved to accept the Principal's Report for December 2018. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Unfinished/New Business.

- A. School Board Terms and Vacancies. Katie Mientka's two year term is up this year, as is Cass Lyon's three year term.
- B. Approve resolution to waive any objection to Judge Teachout presiding over Small Schools Grant litigation. Judge Teachout informed involved Boards that her daughter is a Board member and that her husband worked on a project with one of the attorneys involved in the litigation. David Yasharian moved to waive any objection to Judge Teachout's involvement in the litigation. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Staff Resignation. Julie Cushing, kitchen assistant, announced her resignation and willingness to stay for two weeks to help transition a new employee. The Board thanks Ms. Cushing for her great work. Bradley Beth moved to accept Ms. Cushing's resignation. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting.

- February 13, 2019 (including budget information meeting) at 6:30pm.

VIII. Executive Session. Not required.

IX. Adjourn. Jeanne Gervais moved to adjourn at 7:35pm. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.