

Brighton Elementary School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
6:30PM
Brighton Elementary School

Members:
Katie Mientka
Bradley Beth
David Yasharian
Jeanne Gervais
Cass Lyons

Administrators:
April Lane, Principal
Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Financial
John Castle, NCSU Superintendent

I. The meeting was called to order by Katie Mientka at 6:32PM.

Adjustments to the Minutes: Glenn Hankinson to discuss Green Lantern solar proposal.

II. Approval of minutes of June 12, 2019. David Yasharian moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2019. Second by Bradley Beth. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens. Roger O'Keefe, custodian, was present to discuss Efficiency Vermont report (information later in minutes) and summer maintenance schedule. Mr. O'Keefe's team has been busy painting, cleaning the floors, installing safety barricades in MPR and girls and boys bathrooms, and much more. Mr. O'Keefe also met with Ben Provost, playground inspector to make sure the equipment and grounds are safe. Thanks to Mr. O'Keefe and his summer helpers for all their great work. It is very much appreciated!

IV. Financial Report

- A. Warrants were approved.
- B. The Board reviewed the July 2019 Financial Report. At the end of June, BES was presented with a \$17,627.80 for Head Start tuition for six preschoolers. This was not budgeted for. Because of this expenditure, there is a deficit of \$8839.60. Jeanne Gervais moved to use Medicaid funds to balance the budget. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor. Motion carried. Jeanne Gervais moved to approve the financial report of July 2019. Seconded by David Yasharian. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. There is also a deficit in the Food Services program (\$13,595.48). The Food Services program is not part of the general fund, and deficits are common throughout the state. Jeanne Gervais moved to use Medicaid funds to clear this deficit, or as much as available funds allow. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Green Lantern Solar Proposal. Mr. Hankinson presented the Board with a net meter proposal from Green Lantern. Over the course of 20 years, this would save BES \$17,456.96, or about \$888.27 year year. Citing concerns over the length of the contract, the Board declined to pursue this proposal.

V. Principal's Report. Of note in Ms. Lane's principal's report is the issue of busing for preschoolers. Currently, BES provides morning busing. This is not feasible given the pre-K schedule and changes to the bus route. David Yasharian moved to provide transportation for preschoolers along routes provided for K-8 students. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gervais moved to accept the July 2019 Principal's Report. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Superintendent's Report. Mr. Castle spoke with the Board about the NCSU Commitments and the prioritization of transferable skills. He also mentioned the importance of a Fall Forum to engage with the community.

VII. Unfinished/New Business

Information/Discussion

- A. Review Efficiency Vermont Report. According to the report, it is recommended that BES replace the pneumatic air system to achieve greater efficiency. This would cost approximately \$74,000. No action needed at this time.
- B. New Teaching and Learning Teams. Ms. Lane discussed the new teaching and learning teams. Certified staff will be on grade band teams (pre-K -2, 3-5, and 6-8), as well as math, lit, and socio/emotional learning teams, meeting twice a month. Two people from each team will participate in the "Guiding Coalition" (formerly "Leadership Team").
- C. Ms. Lane also discussed the new configuration for 3-5. Given student needs and numbers, half of 4th grade will join with 3rd grade (Bears) and half with 5th (Cats). The configuration allows for two teachers at all times, as well as more differentiated instruction.

Action

- A. Ratify the hiring of Tom Cilwik, teacher. Jeanne Gervais moved to ratify the hiring of Mr. Cilwik. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Approve the hiring of Brenda Thatcher, supports staff. Bradley Beth moved to approve the hiring of Ms. Thatcher. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Approve funding for Green Mountain Farm to School. Jeanne Gervais moved to provide funding so BES can have a "Developing Membership" at \$2400. Benefits include garden help, monthly taste tests, harvest fest, and much more. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor. Motion carried. Thank you, GMFS.

VIII. Other Business

- A. Approve rescission of NCSU Common Board Policy E.22 School Meals Program. Cass Lyons moved to approve the rescission of E.22 as it is unneeded. Seconded by David Yasharian. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting: September 11, 2019

- A. Snow Removal Contract

X. Executive Session Not required

XI. Adjourn. Jeanne Gervais moved to adjourn at 8:00. Seconded by Cass Lyons. All in favor.
Motion carried.