

**Brighton Elementary School Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

Members:

Katie Mientka
Bradley Beth
Jeanne Gervais
Cass Lyons*
David Yasharian

Administrators:

April Lane, Principal
John Castle, Superintendent
Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Financial Director

**Denotes absentees*

I. The meeting was called to order by Katie Mientka at 6:30pm.

II. Approve minutes of December 11, 2019. David Yasharian moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2019. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor; motion carried.

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

McKenna Swett discussed a recent project based learning (PBL) initiative with her 3rd and 4th grade students. They built gingerbread houses (cardboard) and as part of the process, worked on planning and budgeting. Voting was conducted at the Holiday Concert. Congratulations to the winners and all the students for their great work! Thank you, Ms. Swett.

IV. Financial Report

Action:

- A. Warrants were approved.
- B. The Board reviewed the financial report of December, 2019. Currently, there is a deficit of \$31,376.31. This is largely due to retro pay for teachers as a result of the newly ratified contract agreement, as well as state-mandated contributions to the teacher retirement fund. Jeanne Gervais moved to approve the financial report for December 2019. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor; motion carried.

V. Principal's Report

Ms. Lane presented her principal's report for December 2019. Of note: enrollment for December was 120 students, +20 from this time in 2018. Behavior incidents rose slightly in December from 55 to 60: Ms. Lane indicated that BES does not have as much support from the behavioral assistant (SU): positions are going unfilled and there is not enough support. Staff continue to work to address behavioral issues. Also, for the first time, the winter program option to go to Burke Mountain was opened to K-2 students who are accompanied by a parent. This has been a success. David Yasharian moved to accept the principal's report for December 2019. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor; motion carried.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Castle spoke briefly about the (unlikely) possibility that the state funding formula per equalized pupil would change to give more weight to poverty.

VII. Unfinished/New Business

Information/Discussion

- A. Discuss Classroom Assignments. Given the increasing class sizes in the lower grades, Ms. Lane recommends adding another teacher. The Board asked for a list of current teaching assignments and grade configurations.

Action:

- A. Approve FY 2021 Budget. Jeanne Gervais moved to approve the FY2021 Budget. Bradley Beth seconded. All in favor; motion carried. (More information below)
- B. Prepare for Town Meeting
 - a. Approve Articles and Warning. Bradley Beth moved to approve the Articles and Warning with amendments to item 3. The total budget amount to be voted on was amended from \$2,308,320,00 to \$2,388,320,000; education spending was amended from \$17,949 per equalized pupil to \$18,724 per equalized pupil. The projected increase in spending per equalized pupil was amended from +7.26% to +11.89%. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Anticipated School Board Director Term Expirations.
 - 2020: Jeanne Gervais, Bradley Beth
 - 2021: Katie Mientka, David Yasharian
 - 2022: Cass Lyons

VIII. Other Business

Action:

- A. Adopt Revised NCSU Common Board Policy J.6 Head Lice: Jeanne Gervais moved to adopt revised policy J.6. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor; motion carried.

IX. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

- A. FY2021 Budget Information Meeting

X. Adjourn

Jeanne Gervais moved to adjourn at 7:50pm. Seconded by Bradley Beth. All in favor; motion carried.