

**Brighton Elementary School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

Members:  
Katie Mientka  
David Yasharian  
Cass Lyons  
Bradley Beth  
Tim O'Bar

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

*\*Denotes absentees*

**I. The meeting was called to order by Katie Mientka at 5:35.**

**II. Approve the minutes of August 12 , 2020.** Yasharian moved to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Beth. All in favor; motion carried.

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

**IV. Financial Report**

- A. Approve the Warrant. Mientka approved the Warrant on behalf of the Board.
- B. Financial Report. No Financial Report this month.

**V. Principal's Report**

Ms. Lane discussed the reopening of school, which has been successful. On the first day of school, ALL students had masks and most had their entrance tickets. The students are adjusting well to the new routines and guidelines. They enter through the exterior doorways only, and outdoor space with tents and tables has been utilized for learning. Social distancing (especially during recess) has been a challenge. Staff had eight days of inservice (five with support staff) to adjust to the new normal. Staffing (e.g. staff who must be out because they have symptoms or are not comfortable with in-person situations) may present a challenge.

If a student or staff tests positive for COVID, BES may not have to close. State guidelines indicate that those who have had exposure of 15 or more minutes without masks must quarantine, which can limit the impact on the school community. Beth moved to accept the Principal's Report for August 2020. Seconded by O'Bar. All in favor; motion carried.

**VI. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Castle discussed the reopening of schools in the SU. Mask and ticket compliance has been great, though there are challenges with pick-ups, drop-offs, lunches, and recesses. This is to be expected, and schools have done a remarkable job adjusting as they go live. Virtual programs are available to students, and the SU has hired five new teachers for online learning. There are plans in place in the event schools must transition to full online learning.

## **VII. Unfinished/New Business**

### **Information:**

A. Reopening update. Covered in Principal's and Superintendent's Reports.

B. Lead testing results. Recent lead testing showed 12 taps that were over the limit (in VT, this is 4 parts per billion) upon initial testing. However, after running the water to flush, levels were at 1 part per billion. Replacing affected taps).

C. HVAC improvements. Upon inspection by an engineer, several upgrades were recommended. Of the \$60,000 of projected improvements, \$48,000 can be covered by Efficiency Vermont grants, if work is completed before December. Ms. Lane is waiting for proposals on suggested work. Standalone units are also needed for areas without ventilation, such as Ms. Lane's office.

### **Action:**

A. Approve hire of part-time custodian. Lyons moved to approve the hire of Regina O'Keefe as part time custodian. Seconded by Beth. All in favor; motion carried.

**VIII. Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:30pm.

**IX. Executive Session.** Not required.

**X. Adjourn.** O'Bar moved to adjourn at 6:00pm. Seconded by Yasharian . All in favor; motion carried.