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Newbury Town School District
Newbury Elementary School Board
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Present

Board Members: Paul Jewett, Danielle Corti

Administrators: Emilie Knisley, Superintendent OESU; Chance Lindsley, Principal NES

Visitors: Lisa Hervey, Alma Roystan, Liz Drugach, Robin Barone, Mary Collins

Call to order: P. Jewett called the meeting to order @ 12:04 pm

Agenda Review: Move Bailey Fund discussion to first order of business

Bailey Fund Discussion: P. Jewett recaps Ken Rower's argument for dispersal of Bailey fund money. Mary Collins explains how funds have been disbursed over the last few years. The common committee recommended years ago that there should be a build up of money in order to do some much needed improvements to the common (soil amendment, aeration, etc...) The Village trustees in attendance agree that the money disbursed to them is for "care of the shade trees on the common" only. School is responsible for all other maintenance. A. Roystan would like to set the record straight on how decisions get made. All decisions are select board or trustee decisions. It is never one person's decision. P. Jewett explains that the regular maintenance (plowing, mowing) is close to \$4,000.00/yr. P. Jewett asks village trustees if they feel they are getting enough money to maintain the trees? All agree yes. P. Jewett suggests writing a letter to Ken Rower explaining that members of the select board, village trustees, the town treasurer and the school board have met and are in agreement that the money has been disbursed properly. He also suggests a regrouping of the common committee to discuss what projects are needed.

12:28 R. Barone, A. Roystan, L. Hervey, L. Drugach, M. Collins exit

P. Jewett made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/5/2018. D. Corti seconds. Motion passed

Informational meeting Review: D. Corti states that she thinks it went well overall. She had a suggestion from a parent to send home some sort of handout with the students that parents could fill out to make their views known on merger vs. no merger. Discussion of this ensues. E. Knisley suggests putting the contact info for sending thoughts to the state board in the Friday flash. C. Lindsley will include in the Friday flash. C. Lindsley asks if a call for paper ballots can be made from the floor and if this would be better for sending results to the state. P. Jewett answers that a call for paper ballots can be made from the floor. A community member has stated concern over the wording of the vote being confusing. All agree that there should be an overhead projection with the headings "If vote NO" and "If vote YES" columns to clear up confusion. Discussion re: where advertising. Social media, list serve, newspapers, FPF, FONES group, sandwich sign out front, robo call. C. Lindsley will send a note to Jean Wheeler to put on the Oxbow announcements. Kristen from preschool has contacted the preschool parents to see if they want to be included in robo calls. C. Lindsley asks if the vote will matter to the State board of education? E. Knisley does not know but thinks it will be helpful if a legal stance is pursued.

Boltonville update: E. Knisley received a voice message from Bruce Williams re: the potential interest in the property has stepped back due to personal reasons. The realty sign is missing from the property. E. Knisley will contact Heidi DeBrino of Lyman to ask about sign and contract details. Building will need to be winterized again.

Safety Grant Fund Expenditures: C. Lindsley gives an update on capitol improvement expenditures. So far \$82,000.00 been spent on completed projects. In process is landscape project- \$14,000, inside pantry - \$3,300.00, gym door - \$10,000 (getting another quote), appliance - \$2,324.00, updated harmonies for entrance - ? (painted over by mistake). Total billed and not billed = \$111,972.00 Missing is \$60,000.00 for bathroom renovations. Discussion over this figure and what it includes and what actually need to renovate. Absolutely need stall dividers, countertops and floors. Keep toilets and sinks? E. Knisley suggests working with B. Williams to see what exactly need and then can get a more accurate bid.

C. Lindsley states that last year's safety grant money paid for all the doors to be safety locked (except gym door). He states that no funding came through for this year. E. Knisley will look into the possibility of additional funding for this year.

Payables: D. Corti moves to approve and authorize the board chair to sign the following:

- An accounts payable warrant dated 9/18/2018 for \$44,968.09 P. Jewett seconds. Motion passed

C. Lindsley would like to celebrate the JAZZ lab. He has had very positive feedback from parents and special educators.

P. Jewett would like to have the class reports from the staff be added back to board meetings 1x a month. Discussion of when board meetings will be. Not determined yet.

Next meeting agenda items: discussion of legal action

1:35 D. Corti made a motion to adjourn. P. Jewett seconds. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Fredella -minutes clerk

Not official until approved.