

OESU

Oxbow High School Library

November 6, 2018

Present:

Newbury: Danielle Corti, Emily Hausman, Paul Jewett

Oxbow: Kathy Damon, Pat Dwyer, Adam Lornitzo

Thetford: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Shannon Darrah

Blue Mountain:

Waits River: Kenneth Schaffer

Bradford: Lucas Barrett, Kim Frydman

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Lori Blood

Others: Sherry Hoyt, Melanie Elliott, Steve Ligett, Ted Pogacar, Robin Wozny, Susan Ceglowski, Matt Woodrow

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM by Danielle Corti, Chair
- II. The Chair welcomed those present, and the agenda was reviewed
- III. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Lucas Barrett, seconded by Paul Jewett to approve the Board minutes of October 2, 2018. Tabled for lack of quorum. When a quorum had arrived later in the meeting, motion was voted on and approved with 2 abstentions (Emily Hausman and Shannon Darrah)
 - B. Board Orders—None
 - C. Contracts
 1. Motion by Paul Jewett, seconded by Emily Hausman to approve both the following contracts and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - a. Lisa Good--changing from Masters to Masters plus 30. (increase from \$52,639.00 to \$56,116.00)
 - b. Erin Pelligrino—changing from .5 FTE Early Childhood Special Educator to .6 FTE. (increase from \$27,196.00 to \$32,167.31)
 - D. Correspondence
 1. Letter from Sandra Stanley stating her intent to retire at end of school year.
 2. The Board expressed their thanks for all Dr. Stanley has done in her various roles for the district.
- IV. Public Comment—None
- V. VSBS Policy—Susan Ceglowski

A. Ms. Ceglowski explained that she will be looking at OESU policies: “legally required”, “recommended”, and “to be considered” to compare them against a model policy manual, and recommend any changes. Anticipated time line for the work she will do is about two-three months. Asst. Supt. Bruce Williams will be assisting the OESU group that works on this.

B. Motion by Adam Lornitzo, seconded by Paul Jewett that the Board create a policy committee. As many committee members from as many Boards as possible will be elected tonight. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

1. Nominations: Emily Hausman, Emily Shipman, Kathy Damon, Shannon Darrah, Alison Bruce, and Judy Murray. Motion by Adam Lornitzo, seconded by Ken Schaffer to accept slate of committee members. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

VI. Technology Update

A. SU Technology goals and improvements over the next year.

B. Matt Woodrow from Education Networks of America was present.

C. Demonstrated Needs

1. Increased Connectivity
2. Sharing of Data
3. Emergency communication
4. Centralized Management of Systems
5. Compliance with State Reporting Requirements
6. Efficiency of Operations

D. Will be an increase in productivity

E. Finance and Human Resources

1. Absence and Substitute Management: AESOP
2. New Statewide Financial Software and Chart of Accounts

F. Students and Data

1. New Statewide Longitudinal Data System
2. Need for SU Student Information System
3. Need for SU Data Tracking Tool

G. School Safety and Communications

1. Compliance with E-911
2. Universal Emergency Alert System
3. Communications across schools and within the SU
4. No true responsible party for SU wide tech needs; creates inefficiency and duplication

H. Matt Woodrow (ENA) listed the SU’s they already serve

1. At this time, each school in the SU has their own individual, isolated Internet network
2. Shared a proposed plan for the OESU--single firewall and managed routers. Everything interconnected.
3. Foundation for a unified network infrastructure
 - a. Connectivity
 - b. Security

- c. Data
- d. Communication
- e. CAT 1 E-rate

VII. Act 46 Update

A. Expect State Bd. Of Ed. will give final plan decision on Nov. 28th

B. Preliminary Decisions

1. Thetford and Waits River remain in OESU
2. BMUSD moves permanently into OESU
3. Bradford, Newbury, and Oxbow merge into one
4. Transitional Board = Chair and Clerk of Individual Boards until new Board is elected.
 - a. Creates budget and sets up new district (Winter/Spring 2019)
5. July 1, 2019—New District begins operation
6. Paul Jewett reported that Newbury has agreed to be one of the filers for the lawsuit, because they do not agree with the State Board's decision. They will not be allowed to take part in the transitional Board in the meantime.

VIII. Minimum Wage & Sub Rates 01-01-19

A. Tabled while more research is being done

IX. Executive Session

- A. Motion by Lucas Barrett, seconded by Paul Jewett to move into Executive Session at 8:08 PM pursuant to VSA 313 (a) (1) employee contracts. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- B. Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:13 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

X. Action--None

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.