

DRAFT MINUTES

Bradford Academy & Graded School District Board of Trustees

Bradford Elementary School

Bradford, VT 05033

Location: Bradford Elementary School

**** Draft Minutes **** November 19, 2018

Present

Board Members: Kim Frydman, Lucas Barrett, Angela Colbeth, Emily Shipman, Julie Bingell

Administrators: Emilie Knisley, Kate Paxton

Guests: Amy Hayward, Heidi Allen, Darlene Sanborn, Edith Fogarty, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Jessica Daigle, Tucker Slye, Angela Conrad-Schlager, Brian Schlager

Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda Review

None

Approve Minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Lucas Barrett/Angela Colbeth) to approve the October 15, 2018 minutes as presented. Approved 3-0, Julie Bingell abstained.

Correspondence

The Board received a solicitation from the Vermont Land Trust.

Emily Shipman arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Contracts

A contract was presented for paraprofessional Chelsey Glaude for \$13.25 per hour, Step F. A motion was made and seconded (Lucas Barrett/Julie Bingell) to approve the contract and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Approved 5-0.

Board Orders

A motion was made and seconded (Lucas Barrett/Emily Shipman) to approve the board orders as presented. Approved 5-0.

Other

The Board discussed having a Board Social. It was decided that the BES leadership team will gauge interest from staff and follow up with the Board. It is a great opportunity to engage the community and staff especially with all the changes ahead with Act 46. Lucas Barrett advised the group to make sure the Board follows open meeting laws. When a date has been decided Emily Shipman will find a venue. The Board is mindful of costs associated with such an event and will keep them to a minimum.

Public Comment

Amy Hayward, BES teacher and Newbury resident thanked the Board for supporting full time art, music and PE.

Low Forest

Emily Shipman distributed the Low St. John Forest management plan from David Paganelli, Orange County Forester. A motion was made and seconded (Emily Shipman/Lucas Barrett) to approve the Low St. John Forest management plan as presented to the Low St. John Forest committee. Emily Shipman reviewed the plan recommendations and the trust

should receive approximately three to five thousand dollars in revenue from the timber. The Low St. John Forest committee is recommending this plan. Lucas Barrett asked if the timber cutting needs to go out to bid. David Paganelli is not recommending that it goes out to bid. Emilie Knisley noted that if we aren't spending more than 15,000.00 then it does not need to go out to bid. Approved 5-0.

1st Reading Bus Policy The Board received policy F9: Transportation Standards for a first read. The changes to the plan are noted in blue and were added to follow Butler's Bus Service drop off policy.

Act 46 The State Board of Education made a couple of changes to the default articles but that information is not available yet. OESU is unable to move forward until after the State Board of Education meeting on November 28th. During the transition the BES Board will continue to meet until a new board is elected. There will also be a transition board and the Board Chair and Clerk will represent BES. The BES Board will need to meet again next fall to approve the audit.

Negotiations Lucas Barrett gave an update to the Board. Melanie Elliott is the facilitator and ground rules have been accepted.

Principal's Report Kate Paxton distributed and reviewed the Principal's Report. Progress has been made in student support but there is still a ways to go, working on more structure and coherence. The Thanksgiving feast had a great turnout. At the last OESU meeting they discussed E-rate. Edith Fogarty, BES technology integrationist has looked into it for BES but because BES is cloud based it did not look like it was an option. It is worth looking into further but Edith Fogarty would need assistance. The Board offered their support to Kate Paxton and to let them know if there is anything they can do to assist her.

Executive Session A motion was made and seconded (Lucas Barrett/Angela Colbeth) to enter into executive session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of section 313 A7, parent concern. Approved 5-0.

The Board exited executive session at 7:15 p.m. No action taken.

The Board reentered executive session at 7:16 p.m. for the purpose of section 313 A1, personnel.

The Board exited executive session at 7:35 p.m. No action taken.

Adjournment A motion was made and seconded (Kim Frydman/Julie Bingell) to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Approved 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Kingsbury, Clerk

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