

OUUSD BOARD MEETING
Oxbow High School Library
May 8, 2019

Present:

Board Members:

Newbury: Danielle Corti

Bradford: Angela Colbeth, Melissa Gordon

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Lori Blood, Kate Paxton

Others: Bud Haas, Brent Abair, Gay Gahagan, Lucas Barrett, Emmy Hausman, Heidi Allen, Amy Hayward, Felicia Kingsbury

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Emilie Knisley, Supt.
 - A. Those present were welcomed
- II. Board Organization
 - A. Nomination by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth for Danielle Corti to serve as Board Chair. Nomination was voted on and passed unanimously
 - B. The agenda was reviewed. Correspondence was added
 - C. The minutes from last night's, May 7th Special OUUSD meeting will be approved at the next meeting
 - D. Nomination by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Danielle Corti for Angela Colbeth to serve as Board Clerk. Nomination voted on and passed unanimously
 - E. Correspondence
 1. A letter dated May 8th was read from Mary Collins, resigning as School District Clerk
 - A. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to accept the resignation with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Bud Haas: Was hoping minutes would be available from the meeting last night of Transitional Board. He was particularly interested in the vote on the proposed budget.
 - B. Bud Haas: Shared a list of proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement (see attached). He went through each one, giving explanation as needed.
 1. The Board and Administration will have these looked at by their attorney, and this will be on the agenda of the next OUUSD meeting to see how the Board wants to handle them. Because of the small window of time to consider these in time for the June 17th meeting, there could be a separate, distinct, special meeting to amend the Articles. Newly amended Articles could take effect at any time.
 - C. Lucas Barrett: thinks that adding a 5th member to the Board earlier rather than later is a good idea.

D. Emmy Hausman: questioned the make-up of the Board in the default Articles of Agreement (Article X). Article XIV says Articles can be amended at an annual or special meeting.

IV. Presentation of FY 20 Budget

A. Transitional Board voted last night to officially recommend a budget of \$16,287,560

B. Each individual Board created a budget in its school district. Those three budgets were brought together into a merged budget, which was reviewed by the Transitional Board. The only adjustment was the Board cost. Comparison sheet of per pupil cost (fiscal year 2020) for various Supervisory Unions/Districts here in VT was shared (see attachment). Several detail questions were asked and answered.

C. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to approve the combined budget of \$16,287,560 as presented. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. Thanks was expressed to those who worked so hard preparing the budget.

V. Appoint a District Clerk

A. Nomination by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Danielle Corti to appoint Lucas Barrett as District Clerk. Nomination voted on and approved unanimously

VI. Bond Bank Assumption

A. Lori Blood explained that one of the requirements of the merger is to be compliant with the bond bank. The Board will sign to say they will assume the debt of the three entities in the combined district. Motion by Angela Colbeth, seconded by Melissa Gordon to assume the debt of the three entities. Motion voted on and approved unanimously. The Board members will sign the document, and the District Clerk will attest.

VII. Next Meeting Date

A. The next meeting date was set for Monday, May 20th at 6:00 PM, with a back-up date of May 30th, at 6:00 PM

B. The agenda will include

1. Articles of Agreement
2. First Readings of Required Policies
3. Continued Board Reorganization
4. Set meeting dates and locations
5. Possible draft work plan
6. Review of property

VIII. Public Comment

A. Emmy Hausman: How will the budget be publicized prior to June 17th? Does the Board need to think about mailing something out to voters?

B. Emilie Knisley: Budget information will be mailed out.

C. Kate Paxton: Would the Board consider setting Board meetings on a consistent schedule?

D. Danielle Corti: Yes, they plan to do that

IX. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

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.