

DRAFT Minutes
May 30, 2019

Date: May 30, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Waits River Valley School

Present:

Board Members: Stacy Emerson, Joe Nolin, Sarah Nolin, Suzanne Kingsbury (telephone)

OESU: None

WRVS: None

Guests: Chris Preston, Dick Kelly (new Treasurer)

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019

Call to Order: The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Public Comment: None

Board Business:

Agenda Review: J. Nolin proposed to add Correspondence to the Agenda.

Correspondence: J. Nolin, Board Chair, received resignation from Alison Bruce, Topsham, 5/29/19. S. Emerson made a motion to accept Bruce's resignation; S. Nolin seconded. Approved 4-0. S. Kingsbury, Topsham, also verbally confirmed her decision to resign, effective 6/1/19. S. Emerson made motion to accept Kingsbury's resignation; S. Nolin seconded. Approved 4-0. Board Members expressed regrets and thanked them for their terms of service to the community and school.

Discuss & Ratify Master Agreement

J. Nolin reported results of teacher negotiations. Negotiations include period of 1 year only. Many of the changes were additions or modifications to existing language. Family leave for the birth of a baby was modified to include adoption. Leave will be limited to 6 weeks, inclusive of employee sick leave.

Another significant change was made to teacher payroll dates. Teachers will be paid on the 15th and 30th of each month and will not change during vacation periods or holiday breaks. Original language allowed 20 equal payments during the school year, but the payment program was hard to implement during holiday and extended breaks.

The negotiated teacher salaries includes a 3% increase for teacher salaries. The Board discussed the significant increase in pay-out teachers recently experienced for healthcare under the new State-negotiated plan, as well as the typical annual inflation.

S. Nolin made a motion to accept Master Agreement with Teachers, as negotiated. S. Emerson seconded. Approved 4-0.

S. Kingsbury left the meeting.

Treasurer Position:

J. Nolin recognized Richard (Dick) Kelly as the new Board Treasurer. Previous Treasurer, Jonathan Rutstein, resigned December 31, 2018. During the Annual School Board Meeting on May 6, 2019, the towns of Topsham and Corinth nominated and elected Richard Kelly as J. Rutstein's successor. S. Emerson will pass notes to Dick on accounts, deposits, and TAN process.

S. Kingsbury departed.

Public Comments:

C. Preston expressed his desire to have the Board move forward with developing a new Strategic Plan. He believes the process will enlighten the Board and get the community involved in the future of the school. D. Kelly agreed with Preston's opinion about creating a new Strategic Plan and believes it will get parents, community members, and prospective (new) Board members involved. J. Nolin said we needed to get new Board members from Topsham, since two have just resigned. S. Emerson said the new Strategic Plan should consider educational strategy and focus on individual educational plans to give scholars what they need for success beyond WRVS. S. Nolin said the Strategic planning will be most successful with a good cross-section of community members.

Wrap-Up/Next Meeting Agenda Items

Board Reorganization

Board proposes moving next scheduled WRVS Meeting from Thursday, June 12, 2019 to to Thursday, June 20, 2019 because of 8th Grade graduation.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:43 p.m. (Emerson/Nolin). Approved 3-0.

S. Nolin