

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
Thetford Elementary School

DRAFT MINUTES

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Shannon Darrah, Donna Pluta, Megan Snider

Administration: Emilie Knisley

Public: Mary Wunderlich, Kate Hill, Sara Bailey (TES Staff)

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda approved.

MINUTES REVIEW:

MOTION: (Buttrey/Pluta) moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Board Meeting as amended. (unanimous approval)

REVIEW OF ORDERS:

TA tuition bill for the first semester (1.8 million) has been paid in full now that the taxes have been collected.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary Wunderlich responded questions brought up during the September 24th board meeting regarding the SBAC presentation that she and Chance Lindsley gave. The following is her letter:

I noticed the question, "Where does Thetford compare statewide?" came up twice in the SBAC discussion (with 2 different answers). According to the School Digger website, we are 34th out of 142 schools (based on 2018 test scores).

<https://www.schooldigger.com>

According to the interactive tool on VT Digger article, in 2018 we performed very close to the statewide average cut score of 2507.3

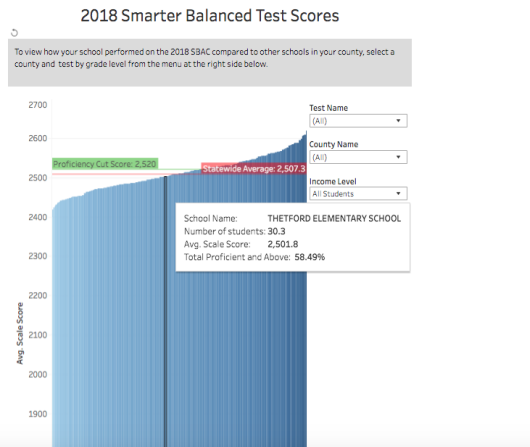
TES had a proficiency scale score of 2501.8 (as shown in graph below).

In the Vermont Dept of Agency SBAC portal I was able to bring up the latest results for 2018-2019. In all grades, except Third grade in math, we scored higher or equal to the VT state average.

I did not include a statewide comparison in my slideshow. If you think it would be helpful, I can add a slide or 2 to the presentation to answer the comparison question.

Thank you,

Mary



STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE:

- Pluta reported that the group had accomplished a fair amount in their meeting. They look at the categories and how they would like it to look visually.
- Hill, Bailey and LaWhite will develop a survey to send out to the community.
- They are meeting again on Nov. 12.
- Brought up questions regarding the Mission, Vision and Values statement and if that is what they should base the plan on? The Philosophy Statement is very old and does not seem pertinent. Decision to remove the Philosophy Statement and replace with the Mission, Vision and Values Statement, including on the website. Mary W sent Michele Hastings message to get changes made on the website.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM DISCUSSION:

- Buttrey met with Trustees of the town trust fund to discuss, they seem to be in favor.
- A survey was put on the listserve- 34 responded. Of those 34, 68% said they would not utilize it. Of those who said they would use it, 68% they would use it at least once a month.
- Suggested that Bridget send this out to parents via email, and likely to get more respondents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: (Buttrey/Acker) to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:09 p.m. Out of executive session at 7:27 p.m. No action taken

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: (Acker/Buttrey) moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. (unanimous approval).

FUTURE MEETINGS:

11/12/19 Thetford Town School District Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk