

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Thetford Elementary School

APPROVED MINUTES

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Shannon Darrah, Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Donna Pluta, Megan Snider (School Board), Chance Lindsley (Principal), Keith Merrick (OESU finance), Tim Briglin - VT Representative, Kathi Bemis - TES staff (6:40), John Brown - TA/TES Facilities Director (6:50), Kate Hill - TES teacher (7:00)

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda reviewed, no changes.

MINUTES REVIEW: MOTION: (Acker/Snider) to approve the minutes of 11/12/19 as amended (Unanimous approval)

REVIEW OF ORDERS: Complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

Tim talked about some of the special ed. funding concerns from Sharon and Strafford. Likely to impact TA more than us, but may trickle down. Nothing from OESU yet. Further discussion ensued.

A parent emailed the school board regarding concerns that there is not an evening holiday concert.

REPORTS:

Principal Report -

Budget timeline? - the warning will be signed end of January

Chance noted the hard work of paras and staff who are being beat up physically and emotionally and who deal with this on a daily basis.

PBIS - state really wants schools to implement. Staff get trained and decide how to implement. OESU wide. Money attached \$3,500.

Ski Fridays - survey sent out yesterday. A quarter of parents responded. TES needs 8 volunteers to make the program at school work, 3 stepped up. Ski or go home? Discussion ensued. Kids who ski are not under TES care once they leave school. The inequity of TES taking on the others. Professional days for teachers in the afternoons. (Bemis left - 7:15)

OESU Report

Review Of 2nd Draft Of FY-21 Budget-

Keith- A few more numbers are available from the state.

Chance- Wishlist in budget- full-time Art and Music. Would enable TES to put on effectiveness of projects and planning. Would also solidify the arts with the community.

DISCUSS MAINTENANCE PROJECT PLANNING/FORECASTING

Need ideas from John about projects that might need to be done- including this SUMMER- bathrooms on primary end.

We might be able to tackle more with the new maintenance set up.

Capital forecasting- John has completed an audit of things that need to be done in the next few years, and at 5 and 10 years.

Efficiency Vermont has grants available. \$250,000 is an old estimate of what it would take to make the primary wing more efficient.

Hot water heater needs to be replaced- will have to be done soon. Board agrees to replace ASAP. Some discussion ensued.

LUNCH PROGRAM DISCUSSION:

Charlie made a survey to a wider audience after the list-serve. There was a wider group who said they would take advantage of summer program. Charlie will meet with the trustees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - MOTION: (Buttrey/Acker) to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 7:51 p.m. (unanimous approval). Out of executive session at ??
No action taken.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

12/10/19 Thetford Town School District Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Acker, Board Clerk