

# Waits River Valley School Board Meeting December 12, 2019

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**Members Present:** Alexis Maxwell, Jason Rogers, Ken Shaffer, Stacy Emerson and Joe Nolin

**WRVS:** Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni, Principal

**OESU:** Bruce Williams, Assistant Superintendent

**Treasurer:** Dick Kelley

**Minutes Clerk:** Nancy Ertle

**Guests:** Chris Preston

**Meeting called to order:** Stacy called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm

**Welcome and Board Business:**

**Agenda Review:** No changes

**Approval of Minutes:**

The October 10, 2019 and the November 26, 2019 will be approved at the next meeting. The November 14, 2019 meeting was canceled.

**Correspondence:**

The Board received a letter from Lynn Murphy stating she is taking early retirement at the end of this year when her contract is up. The Board thanked her for her many years of service and enthusiasm she has brought into the building during that time.

**Contracts:** None

**Board Orders:**

Joe made a motion to pay \$50,547.05, the largest of which is \$12,833.33 to Rivendell Interstate School and \$12,598.51 to Underwood Catering (The Abby Group). Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

Joe made a motion to pay \$147,823.21, the largest of which is \$44,400.00 to St. Johnsbury Academy and \$75,468.00 to Washington Central School (U-32). Jason seconded, the ayes have it.

Joe made a motion to pay \$283,984.98, the largest of which is \$256,300.65 to Orange East Supervisory Union. Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

Joe made a motion to pay \$10,126.00 to Dresden School District, Jason seconded, the ayes have it.

Joe made a motion to pay \$58,042.39, the largest of which is 23,775.72 to Hartford School District and \$20,05.6 to Underwood Catering (The Abby Group). Alexis seconded, the ayes have it.

Joe made a motion to pay \$76,327.94, the largest of which is \$24,07.00 to Blue Mountain School and \$12,00.00 to Perry's Oil. Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

**Public Comment:** Chris Preston said people look to the OESU and WRVS websites for information regarding minutes. He stated that the open meeting law states the minutes have to be on there within 10 days of the meeting. The canceled November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting wasn't on there as canceled either.

Chris is asking the Board to put Strategic Planning back on the agenda. Our strategic plan is about 9 years old. The pre-school bond is coming up and strategic planning would be useful during this time.

There was discussion about OESU and the timing of working on the Strategic Plan. The Board had discussed this at an earlier meeting. Stacy said they would add it to the next agenda.

**Treasurers Report:**

Stacy spoke about the problems the school has had getting their checks from the Town of Corinth. She said there is a set plan in place with a specific date it is due. That this has happened twice, for the last two checks. They almost had to borrow money to cover it. Stacy said it needs to be made very clear that the check needs to get paid when due. Dick said the problem stemmed from the Town having a different Treasurer and he went and spoke to him about it. Dick said that he would personally pick up the checks and bring them to the school.

Dick read his cash flow report. Beginning Balance for November was \$1,423,203.39, receipts \$83,548.08, disbursements (\$371,381.33) with the ending balance \$1,135,370.14. The current months receipts are \$781,068.43 and disbursements \$141,965.22 leaving a projected month-end balance of \$1,774,473.35. He has a check that just came in for \$17,000.00. and were in good shape with another State check due in February. Dick presented a Resolution from the bank that the board needs to adopt. The date is wrong, it was dated for the last board meeting.

Stacy made a moved that the Board sign the Resolution as written by the Community National Bank regarding our account. Ken seconded. The ayes have it. It allows the board to exercise management of our account.

**Principals Report:** Carlotta passed out the Principals report and said that the concert phenomenal it was beautiful and magical. Next week is Winterfeast, bingo, a ½ day and vacation. The winter program will be starting soon. Everything is great!

**Negotiations Update and signing the ESP Addendum:**

Joe said negotiations are underway. Contracts are done for support staff by OESU i.e. special educators. All the school districts have their own agreement for teachers. This year they are all meeting in one negotiation effort to see if they can merge the contracts, so everyone isn't repeating the easy common things. Then each school would have added addendums to the contract. There was discussion about healthcare costs and benefits. The Educational Support Personnel signing isn't ready yet.

**Pre-School Update and Black River associates Contract:**

Bruce said Marla came and gave back round on Black River at a previous meeting, but the Board wanted to wait to decide until Stacy was here because of her interest. Bruce said Black River was waiting to hear from us. The pre-bond vote conceptual work agreement needed to be signed. The base cost is \$11,500.00. Some optional services are floor plans \$1500.00, 3D CAD model \$3000.00, Sketch rendering of proposed addition and Pre-Bond public hearing \$750.00 and additional meetings \$600.00 each. The Board discussed the options and where the money will come from.

Joe made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to spend on the Pre-Bond Architectural Services for the pre-school. Alexis seconded, the ayes have it.

**Wrap-Up/Next Agenda Items:**

Stacy went over the dates of the next two meetings. The January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is being changed to Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> and the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is being changed to Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next agenda will be similar but include Strategic Plan, Negotiation Up-date, Bruce asked to include financing the E-911 compliance and early Retirement Incentive.

Stacy moved to adjourn, Joe seconded, the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm  
Respectively submitted by, Nancy Ertle