

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Theftord Elementary School

APPROVED MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

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

Principal: Chance Lindsley

OESU: Bruce Williams, Keith Merrick

TES Staff: Kate Hill

TA Board: Kate Hesser, John Ziegler

Agenda Review:

Agenda being rearranged for TA Board

Review and Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of 11/26/19 (Snider/Pluta) Add an amendment to the 11/12/19 minutes to include a correction regarding Phillip O'Donnell: Phillip had notified Colin McLoughlin and Cynthia Odell that he would not be plowing the parking lot any longer as he doesn't have the equipment or the desire to do so. However, he will still be mowing and doing the spring and fall clean up of the lawn and fields. Motion approved unanimously.

Review of Orders: Book being passed around for folks to review

Public Comment /Correspondence: None

Ski Friday Discussion:

Professional staff will be helping with programming so that the alternative program can happen this year.

Reports:

- Principal Report:

- Today Jennifer, Regina, Sheila and Jenny put on an incredible Senior Luncheon

- OESU Report:

- No report tonight

Review of 3rd Draft of FY21 Budget:

- The arbitrator sided with employees for health insurance.
- Money built in for technology
- Discussion re: common level of appraisal, spending per equalized pupil, staffing
- TA tuition - may stay static?
- Bathroom is top priority this summer
- Playground needs some upgrades as well
- Overage of teacher salary - Kate Hill questioned, as no additional teachers have

been hired, and very experienced teachers retired.

- Overall impact of the tax worksheet is not looking bad - may be flat rate

Strategic Planning Committee Report:

- Two year plan seems to be a better way to focus right now as there have been so many changes in the last few years. Most of what they are looking at include these three ideas:
 1. Healthy Student Culture and Behavior
 2. Sustainability and Stability
 3. Community Engagement and Communication
- Further discussion ensued - length of school day? how is everything fit into a 6½ hour day when there are also so many other things going on?

Lunch Program Discussion:

- Charlie met with the Trust Board, and still needs to talk with someone else. Questions? Why only children? Board feels it should be for anyone who needs food. Hopefully five days a week. Charlie would like to have it set to go as soon as school gets out this year. The fund does specify it is to be used for Thetford residents.
- Questions regarding snacks for students

Info regarding energy audit:

John recommends not doing the energy audit since it is obvious what needs to be done. Maybe do the audit after some work is done?

Executive Session: Motion to enter executive session to discuss a student matter at 7:45 p.m. (Buttrey/Snider). Unanimous approval. Out of executive session at 7:59 p.m. No action taken

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. (Buttrey/Snider) Unanimous approval.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

December 23, 2019 Thetford Town School District Meeting 6:30 pm

Minutes Prepared By:
Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk