

# THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Thetford Elementary School

## APPROVED MINUTES

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

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

**Principal:** Chance Lindsley

**OESU:** Emilie Knisley, Keith Merrick

**TES Staff:** Kate Hill

**TA Board:** John Ziegler, Gio Bosco

**Select Board Liaison:** Nick Clark

**Agenda Review:** Add summer lunch program update

**Review and Approve minutes of 12/23/19:** Postponed.

**Review of Orders:** nothing to sign

### **Public Comment/Correspondence:**

- Kim Crow sent a letter expressing concerns regarding the ski program.
- Nick Clark reported a concern from a resident regarding the amount of time the outside lights are on/light pollution. Discussion followed regarding safety. Chance will call VSBIT to find out from insurance company what is recommended.

### **Reports:**

#### **Principal**

- Apology regarding statement made at Celebration Circle last Friday.
- There is some concern among staff regarding who gets to go to the skiway.
- There is interest from a family outside of Thetford asking about having their kindergartener come here as a tuition student. Chance met with mom today.

#### **OESU**

- Substitute pay - \$14.29/hr. per 6 ½ hr. day. Noted that different positions have different hours. Discussion followed. We are keeping as is for now, and can revisit after negotiations if needed.
- Budget passed, assessments TBD. Estimate \$117,000 to move SU office to Copeland building.
- Superintendent evaluation will be forthcoming, contracted VSBA to conduct the process

#### **TA**

No report (Shannon was unable to make the last meeting)

### **Review of the 5th Draft of FY21 Budget:**

- Warning needs to be signed after Jan. 23, but before Feb 1.
- Includes FT Art and Music teachers.
- 2021 will be next town-wide appraisal.

- Discussed Library/Tech and Admin budgets, replenishing capital reserve fund.
- Discussion of class sizes coming up next year. Each class of K/1/2 is coming in with more challenges, if 1/2 classes are larger than they are now, we are not going to be meeting "the whole child," as they have so many more needs. Further discussion ensued.
- Next meeting on January 21, 2020 to see what the new numbers will look like.
- The next meeting after that will be Jan 28, 2020 to sign the warning.
- Feb 25, school budget informational meeting 6:30 at TES
- Town meeting on Feb 29 at TES, all school board members are out of town. Discussion followed.
- School budget vote by Australian Ballot on March 3.

**Other Business:**

Summer Lunch Program: need to be sure liability insurance will cover whoever is working the program. There are still questions about where food comes from and how it will be served.

**Executive Session - Student Matters:**

MOTION (Buttrey/Acker) at 8:20 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a student matter (unanimous approval). Out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. No action taken.

MOTION (Buttrey/Acker) at 8:31 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a student matter (unanimous approval). Out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. No action taken.

**Executive Session - Principal Evaluation:**

MOTION (Snider/Pluta) at 8:40 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss principal evaluation (unanimous approval). Out of executive session at 9:22 p.m. No action taken.

**Adjournment:**

MOTION (Acker/Snider) at 9:22 p.m. to adjourn (unanimous approval).

**Upcoming Meetings:**

January 21, 2020	Thetford Town School District Meeting	6:30 p.m.
January 28, 2020	Thetford Town School District Meeting	6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:  
Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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Julie Acker, Board Clerk