

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Thetford Elementary School

Approved Minutes

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:31pm

PRESENT:

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

Principal: Chance Lindsley

OESU: Bruce Williams, Keith Merrick, Emilie Knisley

Agenda Review: no changes

Review and Approve Minutes of 12/23/19 and 1/14/20: MOTION (Acker/Snider) to approve the minutes of 12/23/19 as amended (unanimous approval).

Review of Orders: Payroll signed. Note new waste hauling contract with Brian Ricker, flat fee that should save money. Book passed around for other members to see other orders that have been signed.

Public Comment /Correspondence: Shannon is going to have a 1:1 meeting with Kim Crow regarding the ski program.

Reports:

Principal Report

- ❖ There is one person signed up to provide child care for the community meeting, TA is looking to see if they can help find more.
- ❖ **PBIS** is getting going with some support, Sara Bailey is heading it up.
- ❖ **MTSS** Sara B and Laura S are working on forms to clear up some confusion and make it clearer for everyone.

Strategic Planning Group Report – Continue with Hired Facilitator?

Delia Clark questioned Shannon if she was still needed, as the Strategic Plan is likely to not be as involved as initially thought. Donna feels like Delia might not be needed at the current time. The last meeting of the SPG Delia was not there, and the group felt they did a good job without her. Maybe towards the end of the process she could be helpful to then make it a well formed document including making sure there is an evaluation piece to go with it. Donna feels the process is going well.

Final review of FY21 Budget and Signing of Warning:

- ❖ TA Maintenance program - TA was wondering if TES wanted to do a two year contract, same cost for next year and then a 3% increase the following year. Discussion followed. Board agreed to stay with a one year contract at the current cost, and then for the following year, have a conversation about including outdoor maintenance costs. Then the possibility of a multi-year contract. So keep the amount the same for the current budget.

- ❖ The budget is looking good, and the tax rate is going down by 0.6%. Includes full funding of lunch program, FT Music and Art and an extra teacher if necessary. It looks like it is sustainable. It looks to help with enrichment and other issues.
- ❖ MOTION: Article IV: \$8,901,286 to be raised as the total the school board determined necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. (Buttrey/Pluta) unanimous approval.
- ❖ MOTION: Article V: \$50,000 to be raised for the Capital Improvement Fund. (Buttrey/Snider) unanimous approval.

School Report and Town Meeting Preparation:

Keith sends the budget sheets to Julie, Julie then sends them off to Ben and Kelly and they format for the report. They handle the printing and mailing with Leahy Press. It will be suggested to TA that they use the time to explain their expenditures.

Executive Session – Principal Evaluation :

Motion (Snider/Pluta) to go into executive session at 7:28pm to discuss principal evaluation. Invited to stay were Williams, Knisley and Lindsley. Out of executive session at 8:21pm. No action taken

Other Business: None

Adjourn: MOTION to adjourn (Acker/Snider) at 8:22pm, unanimous approval.

Minutes Prepared By:
Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk

FUTURE MEETINGS:

2/11/20	Thetford Town School District Meeting	6:30 pm
2/25/20	Pre-Town School Informational Meeting	6:30 pm