

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Thetford 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,
Julie Acker

Principal: Chance Lindsley

OESU: Emilie Knisley

Agenda Review: changes made

Review and Approve minutes of January 28, 2020 as is. MOTION (Buttrey/Acker) to approve the minutes of 01/28/2020 as is (unanimous approval)

Review of Orders: The “Book” was passed around for members to see orders that have been signed. Discussion of petty cash reimbursement for annual report postage.

Public Comment /Correspondence

1. Shannon met with Kim Crow and her husband. They had a nice conversation about the ski program. Shannon gave them the history of and how the program has evolved to the present day.
2. During the board’s discussion, it was suggested that Ski Fridays be called Early Release day instead on the school calendar.
3. Other correspondence will be discussed in executive session to protect student confidentiality.

Reports:

Principal Report

1. The Annual Science Fair is coming. Laura Sharpless has been organizing this. So far there are fewer participants than previous years, but she is continuing to encourage more students to participate.
2. Changing perspectives this Thursday. There will be an assembly, followed by a guest speaker talking to each of the combined grades for a presentation and question period.
3. The Musical is coming.... “Captain Louie” the week before April vacation.
4. On March 20th Professional Development will be partnered with TA. Chance is excited about the opportunity for collaboration.
5. Hiring: We were 1 para short, and now we are down by 2. Classroom needs have made it so we need another.
6. Will start the process of hiring a new teacher for next year soon.
7. Long term subs (for Sara Atherton and Colin McCoughlin) are looking like they might be set up.

OESU Report:

1. Nothing to report as there was not a quorum for a meeting.
2. The next meeting will be on March 17, 2020.
3. Keith Merrick said he thought that the refund for the FY19 overpayment will be issued, and most likely next year.

Negotiations: Charlie brought up that he met with teachers for Union negotiations. The master contract will be the same as the SU, but salary negotiations are done with TTSD. Further discussion ensued.

TA Report: There was no TA report as the TA board meeting is tonight, so Shannon can't be there.

Preparation for Informational Meeting and Town Meeting:

1. The community meeting is February 25, 2020. Shannon won't be there. Chance will work with Keith to develop slides for the meeting. Then Charlie and Chance will review together. Charlie will present at the Community Pre-Town Meeting Budget Meeting. Chance will present at Town Meeting.
2. There will be a babysitter for the Town Meeting, same stipend as last year of \$125.00.
3. Shannon will contact Tracy and CC: Chance about the setup for town meeting.
4. Julie wants to thank Cynthia Odell and Bridget Veracka for all their last minute help with the Annual Report, and Kate Hill for all the great pictures. They didn't make it into the special appreciation.
5. Julie will post the date correction of the dates for "Save the Date" on the listserve. The correct date for the Pre-Town Meeting Budget Presentation will be February 25, 2020, not February 29.
6. Our non-profit mailing seal did not make it to Lahey Press soon enough, so Lahey used theirs for mailing the annual report. Cynthia wrote a check from petty cash to repay them. This left petty cash very low, thus there was an order to replenish it.

Executive Session – Student Matter

MOTION (Buttery/Acker) to go into executive session 7:13pm to discuss a student matter (unanimous approval). Emilie and Chance were invited to participate. Out of executive session at 7:23pm. No action taken.

MOTION (Acker/Pluta) to go into executive session 7:24pm to discuss a student matter (unanimous approval). Emilie and Chance were invited to participate. Out of executive session at 7:35pm. No action taken.

Other Business- none

MOTION (Acker/Snider) to adjourn at 7:25pm (unanimous approval).

Minutes Prepared By:
Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk

FUTURE MEETINGS:

02/25/20	Pre-Town School Informational Meeting	6:30 pm
02/29/20	Annual School/Town Meeting	9:00 am
03/10/20	Thetford Town School District Meeting	6:30 pm