

# Waits River Valley School Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020

## Approved

**Members Present:** Stacy Emerson, Alexis Maxwell, Ken Schaffer, with Jason Rogers joining at 6:45 p.m.

**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 6:06 p.m.

**Welcome and Board Business:**

**Agenda Review:** No changes.

**Minutes Approval:** Waiting for Jason for quorum.

**Correspondence:** Carlotta had two letters, one from Teresa Kelley dated Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> which is a resignation letter. Teresa said she would be retiring in June at the end of the school year. The second letter was from Fawn Carter dated January 6<sup>th</sup> resigning after 35 years. She will be retiring in June 2020 at the end of the school year. The Board thanked them for all their years of service and the commitment they have had to the community and the kids.

**Contracts:** None

Bruce asked Stacy to sign addendums to the contracts for the educational support staff.

The Board will have to vote on this to have Stacy sign it. They will have to re-visit it when Jason gets here.

**Board Orders:** Waiting for quorum.

**Public Comment:** Chris Preston spoke about the strategic plan. He has been finding information and wants to share it with the board. It is a broad commitment by everyone involved to create the Strategic plan. There was discussion about facilitators, responsibilities and building a plan with OESU and others.

**E-911 Financing:** Bruce said Carlotta and Steve have been working on reducing the cost of the system, it started out at \$36,126.00. Part of the cost is a grant and part the school covers. Paring it back, the cost could be as low as \$23,830.00 with the school's part being \$12,000.00.

**Strategic Plan:** Already discussed.

**Pre-School Update:** Black River Design agreed to what the Board said they would cover financially staying under \$15,000.00. The Board committed to a \$11,500.00 base with being able to choose add-on's up to the \$15,000.00. The pre-school bond vote will be ready for the annual school meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Follow upon corporate resolution, the bank said the board clerk is fine to be able to sign it. Dick passed out the cash flow sheet. The cash flow may end the year with quite a bit left over, there may be one and a half million dollars in the account in June 2020 compared to the \$600,000 there was at the start of this year. Dick gave Stacy the payables.

Jason came in at 6:45 p.m.

**Board Orders:** Stacy made a motion to pay \$25,175.12 the largest of which is \$17,054.00 to OESU and \$1653.05 to Underwood Catering. Jason seconded, the ayes have it. Stacy made a motion to pay \$526.24 Cannon Financial Services and \$166.24 to In Solutions America. Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

**Principals Report:** Carlotta is working on her budget questions for OESU. Health Insurance in the budget will be difficult. OESU didn't budget some items last year correctly so Carlotta has questions for them and wants to go over it so it will be accurate this year.

**Early Retirement:** Done with this.

**Negotiations Update:** Joe's not here to update the Board.

**Revisit Minutes:** Stacy moved to approve the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

**Revisit Addendum:** Stacy moved to have the Board authorize her to sign the addendum for the merged agreement for paraprofessionals as written. Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

Stacy signed approval for professional development. It is over budget.

**Wrap Up:** The agenda for the next meeting should be similar but to include the Fiscal year 2021 budget, Pre-school update, approval of minutes for October 10, 2019, November 26, 2019 and January 6, 2020.

Stacy moved to adjourn. Alexis seconded, the ayes have it. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.