

Draft Meeting Minutes
Unified School District No. 36
Waits River School District Board of Directors
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Place: Remote through Zoom Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting Participants: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Stacey Emerson, Joe Nolin, Sarah Nolin, Jason Rogers, Dick Kelley, Ken Schaffer (joined late), Amy Cramer, Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni, Bonnie O'Connell

Meeting was called to order at 5:06pm

Agenda Review/Approval: no changes noted

Approve Minutes of 03-12-20: Sarah Nolin made the motion to approve the minutes as written, Jason Rogers seconded it. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Correspondence: No correspondence was shared

Contracts: New hires will be discussed in the Principal's report

Board Orders: No Board orders to discuss

Public Comment: No public comment

Treasurer's Report: Dick Kelley reported that he recently received a check for \$800,000.00 from the State of Vermont. He anticipates a balance of near \$950,000.00 and feels all is currently moving along well. Dick shared concern that if we do not have an approved FY21 budget in place, he may have to seek a TAN (Tax Anticipation Loan) or a Bank Loan. Emilie Knisley shared that current State Statute allows 87% of FY20 budget to be borrowed until an approved budget can occur. Stacey noted that we would discuss these concerns in our next agenda item.

FY 21 Budget/Annual Meeting/Warning/Date Approval: Dick Kelley shared that he would work with Amy Cramer to adjust the figures he had presented as Cash Balance, as they were incorrect. He had included other dollar amounts and would be in contact with Amy to repair that. The Board discussed options presented by Legislature for Annual School Budget votes given the pandemic/COVID-19 limitations. After discussion of options the board felt that the history of a floor vote/discussion was a cultural need and the communities of Topsham and Corinth have always valued that opportunity. The Warning for the annual meeting was discussed and the Article numbers adjusted with the correct figures to show a single budget proposal with the use of part of the surplus funds from FY19 to reduce taxes. A motion was made by Sarah Nolin to accept the warrant for the Annual School Budget vote as discussed with June 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm the communities of Corinth and Topsham gathering to vote on the proposed budget/warned

articles. Jason Rogers seconded the motion. Stacey Emerson, Chair, requested an individual roll call/count for a y/nay vote on the motion. Joe Nolin, Sarah Nolin, Jason Rogers and Ken Schaffer voted in support (yay). The motion carried.

Principal's Report: Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni did a verbal report on the current educational status of our school closure and the respect and value the school has for the communities and most importantly the families. The staff at WRVS are working diligently to provide the most rigorous and meaningful programming in such a difficult situation. Additionally, there are great levels of gratitude for the food being served to our community as a whole. Discussion of known building changes for the reopening of our school; entrance/office changes to limit access into the office and the need to potentially relocate the nurse's office. We are thinking and planning. We are waiting for information from the State level around guidelines for the end of the school year and potentially for the work to be done for the start of the next year. It will be a very busy Spring and Summer.

New Hires: Carlotta Updated the following new hires:

- Replacing Teresa Kelley (School Nurse who is retiring): Carla Horniak
- Replacing Fawn Carter (K-8 PE who is retiring): James Graham
- Replacing Lynn Murphy (Middle School Science who is retiring): Ted Gaine
- Replacing Jenni Deluca (Math Interventionist- moving to Minnesota): Ashley Jamele
- Replacing Julie Waselewski (2nd grade teacher - relocating to another part of Vermont): Ruby Kane has requested to move to 2nd grad - she currently teaches 4th grade) 4th grade teacher: Marissa Navedo
- Replacing Jill Rushton (1st grade teacher - relocating to another part of Vermont, getting married and purchased a personal business in relocation area) Rosie Wysocki
- Replacing Marylou Moore (front office - retiring) Internal shift. Work in progress

Wrap-Up/Next Meeting Agenda Items Public Comment: No comment

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Schaffer at 6:27pm, seconded by Jason Rogers. All were in favor. The motion carried.