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Meeting Minutes

WRVS School Board

Thursday, July 23, 2020 via Zoom

Board Members present: Jason Rogers, Ken Schaffer, Stacy Emerson, Joe Nolin, Sarah Nolin, Alexis Maxwell (joined later), Dick Kelley (Treasurer)

School members present: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Melanie Elliot and Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni

Visitors present: Jessica Hatch, Anne Mangolis, Jeffrey Gartree, Carrie Emerson, Lindux (Based on Zoom contact observation)

Stacy Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Agenda Review/Approval ^[SEP] A request was made to add “Food Service” to the agenda, it was added.

Approve Minutes: 6-17-20 – Board minutes were not approved, will be added to next meeting agenda. ^[SEP]

Correspondence ^[SEP] There was no correspondence to share

Contracts – Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni reviewed the new hires for the 2020-2021 year. They included:

Alexis Champion- Kindergarten, Carla Horniak- Nurse, James Graham- Physical Education, Ted Gaine- MS Science, Marissa Navedo- fourth grade, Rosie Wysocki- first grade and Ashely Jamele- Math Interventionist

Board Orders- Joe Nolin made a motion for the payables amount in the amount of \$5,498.09 to be approved for payment (examples presented: \$2,000 for OESU, \$975.00 to Castleton). Ken Schaffer seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

Public Comment – Carrie Garrison, parent/community member asked about our plan to reopen with specific question of enforcing the mandatory mask wearing. Carlotta discussed the staff consistency in our message and enforcement. Teaching and modeling the mask needs, as well as other needs related to keep our WRVS community healthy. Carlotta explained that the reopening plan would go in the mail to all families by August 1st. Included will be a copy of the 2020-2021 Parent/Scholar handbook- with those areas affected by COVID-19 struck through for understanding. Additionally, a COVID-19 handbook insert and a Distance/Remote learning plan. WRVS will send a mask home to all scholars too, asking for them to practice wearing it. There was specific question to procedures for a positive COVID-19 or like symptoms and Emilie Knisley explained that the nurse’s group is finalizing those procedures and we are aligning our work with the recommendations of the Vermont Department of Health. Emilie is going to check to see if families that do not have health insurance have a payment if they are COVID-19 tested, the question was “who will pay for it for these families?”

Treasurer’s Report: Dick Kelley reported that we have a cash flow of a little over \$300,000. Due to summer, lighter pay periods and we hope to be ok until some of our anticipated funds come in late August. Dick referenced some Federal assistance funds he had heard of to assist with Air Quality and/or flow and Joe Nolin volunteered to work with

WRVS facility director to look at those areas of recent assessment and/or need for.

Principal's Report: Carlotta reviewed the work on the facility, the meetings and teaming the dedication of amazing staff as we prepare for the opening of a new school year. It has been extensively busy and Carla Horniak has jumped in full force. Explanation of the two fourth grades being moved upstairs (their own bathroom, sink) allows for K-4 with toilets/sinks within their classrooms. 5-8 will share the middle school bathroom. Additionally, Carlotta restated the amount of information that will go to homes at the end of next week. The transportation team met that same morning and is looking at ridership equity and bus routes. Jason Rogers asked about eating in classrooms and peanuts. Carlotta explained that the COVID-19 insert stated "no peanuts or peanut products" in home lunches, as we can not provide a peanut free table. If a scholar brings such an item, we will order them their choice of sandwich from the kitchen. Carlotta also explained the new phone system that is being installed this summer (State mandated E-911).

COVID-19 reopening- addressed in public comment and principal's report. WRVS reopening plan is a full day, 5 days a week.

Food Service: The food Service Contract must be reviewed and/or approved for the 2020-2021 year. Joe Nolin made a motion to approve the school food service company/management contract for \$193,526.28 to the Abbey Group (aka Underwood Catering). Sarah Nolin seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Sarah Nolin to enter executive session to discuss Contract Negotiations for the ESP (Educational Support Personnel) and the Teachers contract. Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni, Melanie Elliot and Bruce Williams were invited in. Joe Nolin seconded the motion. All were in favor. At 7:39pm the board went into executive session. A motion to exit executive session at 7:50pm was made by Ken Schaffer and seconded by Jason Rogers. All were in favor. The motion carried. The board exited executive session at 7:50

A motion was made by Joe Nolin to Ratify the ESP contract and allow the board chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the board. Jason Rogers seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

Wrap-Up/Next Meeting Agenda Items: Next board meeting, August 13, 2020. Carlotta will invite the new staff. Annual dinner with them, meet and greet prior to warned meeting. 5:00 meet and greet, 5:30 dinner.

Adjourn: Ken Schaffer made a motion to adjourn at 7:57, it was seconded by Jason Rogers. All voted in favor, the motion carried.