

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, July 15, 2020 via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

TES Principal: Chance Lindsley **OESU:** Bruce Williams

Community: Community members were logged in to view/listen to the meeting

Agenda Review:

No changes.

Review and Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of 6/9/20 (Buttrey/Snider). Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the minutes of 6/18/20 (Snider/Pluta). Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the minutes of 6/23/20 (Snider/Pluta). Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the minutes of 7/2/20 (Snider/Buttrey). Unanimous approval.

Review of Orders:

Darrah completed payroll. Odell is ahead in warrants to assist with the OESU move, which was very appreciated.

Public Comment /Correspondence:

Buttrey received a text from a neighbor regarding school lunches not being retrieved from the drop off location at Deer Run/Godfrey Road. Buttrey notified Lindsley. Snider has also noticed and notified the lunch program.

Principal Report:

- Lindsley attended the Mentoring Matters Zoom conference with Wunderlich and McLaughlin.
- Lindsley sent a question to parents regarding hopes for the fall. He received a lot of feedback which was very helpful, and realized that being more specific will be important for future surveys.
- Re-opening Team is meeting weekly.
- Collaborating with TA on outdoor resources, Lindsley will be meeting with Ellis to designate areas that TES teachers can use in the fall.
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support) team is completing their professional development this summer. Developing common language to improve communication around areas of focus: Safety, Responsibility, and Kindness. Language around Self, Community and World are being developed
- Lindsley has been researching desks. Per the state guidelines students will need to have individual desks spaced 6ft apart. \$16K for 180 desks.

- Lindsley has been attending the Vermont Principals Association Think Outside the Box series and spoke at the last meeting about outdoor learning as a response to improve social/environmental justice and access to healthy, local food.

Discussion re: Bids for School Safety Grant Work:

- The TES safety committee, including Mariah Whitcomb, Chad Whitcomb, and Mike Evans, has been working on improving communications in the building.
- Nurse Dalpra submitted and was awarded a grant from the state to upgrade the PA system for 75% of the bid. Williams was able to petition to extend the deadline because of the pandemic.
- Three bids (Alarmco, Current Concepts, Key Communications) have come in. Chance shared them with the board. The bids were all very close, in the \$21K-\$23K range.
- With the grant, the school is in a position to upgrade the PA system for ~\$5K.
- Williams feels that the bid from Current Concepts is significantly better. The equipment aligns with the new phone system, is fully integrated with E911, and the quality is very high.
- Buttrey noted that Current Concepts is the lowest of the 3 bids, and their proposal was impressive. Discussion followed. Does John Brown have a preference? Lindsley indicated that he did not think that the Key Communications bid was a good fit for TES.
- Timeline? The work would be completed prior to school starting this fall.
- **Motion** to accept the bid from Current Concepts for the amount of \$21,335 (Buttrey/Acker). Unanimous approval.

Other Business:

Are board members planning to attend the VSBA virtual conference? No commitment yet, registration is due soon.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm (Snider/Pluta). Unanimous approval.

Minutes Prepared By:

Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 23, 2020 via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.