

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 9, 2021 via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board: Shannon Darrah, Charlie Buttrey, Julie Acker

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

Community: Laura Covalla, Geoff Martin (7:00 p.m.), Nick Clark, Nolan Riegler

Staff: Kim Crow, Kate Hill, Meghan Oliver, Phil Chaput, Mary Wunderlich, Alex Mathis, Kathi Bemis, Ashley Mousley, Sarah Atherton, Tippi Oshoniyi, Lauren Lacasse, John Brown (left at 7:00)

Agenda Review as is.

Review and Approve Minutes of 1/21/21. The wrong date was put on the agenda. Should have read 1/21/21 and not 1/22/21. Will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Review of Orders: Payables sent out for review, no questions. TA and Riverbend tuitions paid.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Principal Report (Lindsley):

- Talked with TASP, and a rough number for a prorated rent is proposed at \$1,300, instead of the usual \$2,500.00. Board agreed to that amount.
- Lacasse is running the literacy team.
- Scheduling committee is still working on next year's schedule.
- Buttrey - are there any known families who still want to do digital next year? There is not a plan to have a digital schoolhouse next year. That discussion has not happened yet, but there has been at least one family currently homeschooling that will continue that for next year as well.

Bathroom Renovations (John Brown):

- Brown says that bids should go out soon. It will go out basically the same as last year.
- Acker and Buttrey both believe it makes sense to do it now.
- Williams said that when it went out to bid out last year, the bids came in higher than anticipated.
- Brown discussed other needs that may be coming up soon including roofing on the upper end.
- Lead testing in water - in the spring the threshold went to 0 parts per million, we still have a small amount of lead detected in sampling. Brown is investigating use points and residual lead in soldered fixtures. Discussion followed.

Joint Energy Committee Appointments:

Two people sent letters of interest. Nolan Riegler and Chris Hebb have both expressed interest in representing TES on the Joint Energy Committee. MOTION (Acker/Buttrey) to nominate both Riegler and Hebb to the Thetford Joint Energy Committee. Unanimous.

Solar Array Discussion:

- Geoff Martin has been looking through the solar savings, and it looks as though 60% of costs are covered for town, with a possibility of offsetting more. There may be a possibility for TES as well. Wondering if he can get access to the GMP bills to determine if we can capture opportunities for saving? Maybe a community array that could be leased?
- Also question if there is interest in an energy audit? Buttrey and Acker and Darrah expressed interest, this has been a goal for some time.

Informational Meeting Preparation:

- The pre-town informational meeting is at the next School Board meeting. Discussion of who makes up the powerpoint. OESU will start it and then TES/TA will then add to it. Discussion that the board would like it if Knisley would attend.
- Kiess will help publicize the Zoom meetings.
- Acker has a web copy of the annual report and can put it on-line as soon as wanted.
- It is extremely important for communication to flow this year. Makes sense for the school board to link to the town site, and vice versa.
- Kiess also asked for everyone to reach out to those not as familiar with, or able to connect with Zoom. Send in questions for the Q & A.
- Acker publicly thanked Lindsley, Odell and Veracka for all their help getting the school report done.
- Further details discussed.

Executive Session – Principal Contract

MOTION (Buttery/Acker) to find that discussion regarding the principal contract should be held in executive session to protect confidential personnel matters. Unanimous.

MOTION (Buttrey/Acker) to enter executive session at 7:38pm to discuss the principal contract. Unanimous. Williams and Lindsley were invited to attend. Out of executive session at 8:39pm. No action taken.

MOTION (Acker/Buttrey) to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Unanimous.

Minutes Prepared By Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk

FUTURE MEETINGS:

02/23/21	TTSD Meeting (Pre-Town Informational Session)	6:30pm
02/27/21	School Informational Meeting	1:00pm