

OESU BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

March 18, 2021

Present:

Board Members:

BMU: Angeline Alley, Allison Ingerson, Judy Murray

OUUSD: Angela Colbeth, Danielle Corti, Chelsey Perry

Thetford: Donna Pluta, Megan Snider

Waits River: Sarah Nolin, Jason Rogers

Administration: Nicole Bell, Melanie Rhoads

Others:

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Angeline Alley, Chair. Those present were welcomed, and the agenda was reviewed. The OESU Board Goals Update will be tabled until the April meeting
- II. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Danielle Corti, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 16th. The motion carried with two abstentions (Angela Colbeth and Allison Ingerson)
 - B. Board Orders—none
 - C. Contracts--none
 - D. Correspondence
 1. Motion by Allison Ingerson, seconded by Judy Murray to accept the letter of resignation from Tracy Emerson. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. CARES—Nicole Bell
 - A. Covid-19
 - B. Total from CRF = \$517,955.61. The Business office has finalized all claims and has confirmed that amount
 - C. Coronavirus Relief Fund: Funds used for expenditures incurred by schools last spring and continuing into summer, complying with CDC guidelines. We have not received any word concerning another round of CRF funds
- IV. Curriculum Report: Nicole Bell
 - A. Curriculum: have started work on the Literacy Curriculum Framework.
 - B. Instruction and Assessment: Work continues. We have partnered with All Learner's Network for math instruction. They offer a continuity of support. We are partnering with Student Services to bring Universal Design for Learning training to the SU.
 - C. Professional Development: professional development continues in the areas of math, literacy, mentoring, universal instruction, and co-teaching. Our focus next year will be on targeted instruction and intervention.

D. Mentoring: We held our first Mentoring Matters follow-up training in February. The Vermont-NEA program director facilitated the training, via Zoom. Using Danielson's Remote Learning Guide, this covers Creating Environments of Respect and Rapport, Managing Routines and Procedures, Demonstrating Knowledge of Students, Engaging Families and Communities, and Using Assessments for Learning

D. Recovery Planning: The AOE is requiring a Recovery Plan for the upcoming year. The plan will focus on three areas: Academic Proficiency, Engagement, and Social Emotional Wellbeing. The Team includes Supt. Emilie Knisley, Curriculum Director Nicole Bell, Student Services Director Alison Kidder, and MTSS Coordinator Cate Beaton. The SU team has begun working on the Needs Assessment as part of Phase 2 of the AOE's plan. The OESU will receive approximately \$2.7 million in funding toward this plan through ESSER 2. While the exact amount is known, OESU does not yet have access to these funds

V. CARES ACT—Info is on the website

VI. Assistant Superintendent Update

A. Melanie Rhoads: OESU has hired Randy Gawel as the new Assistant Superintendent. He will be coming here from Michigan and plans to be visiting in the next week. The OESU is looking forward to meeting him in person.

B. Bradford and Thetford are each hiring a new principal. There will be a community forum for each position: Thetford Elementary's will be Thursday, March 25th at 6:00 PM, and Bradford Elementary's will be Tuesday, March 23rd at 5:30 PM. There are two candidates for each forum. Angeline Alley thanked those who worked on the search committees for the Principals and for the Assistant Superintendent.

VII. Universal Lunch

A. Bill S100 is an unfunded mandate. It is a wonderful program, but they may be setting it up for all schools as a mandate. They have asked that Boards not do anything yet. They are trying to look for another way to finance the program instead of through the Education Fund.

VIII. Agenda items for April meeting

A. Angeline Alley and Emilie Knisley will come up with agenda items

B. Facilities Committee at SU level (perhaps save until May)

C. Board Reorganization (May)

D. Financial Update—any FMLA leaves

E. Culture Climate Survey (tentatively)

IX. Public Comments

A. Ted Pogacar: asked for a breakdown of moneys by building. Nicole Bell will relay that request to Linda Metcalf and Emilie Knisley.

1. Ted Pogacar: What was the ESSER amount? N. Bell: \$619,000 and change.

X. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Allison Ingerson to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins, Minutes Clerk

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.