

# THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 27, 2021 via Zoom

## Approved Minutes

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

### PRESENT:

**School Board:** Shannon Darrah, Charlie Buttrey, Donna Pluta, Megan Snider (7:22 pm)

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

**Community:** Lucas Stepno, Laura Covalla

**Staff:** Ashley Mousley, Lauren Lacasse, John Brown

**Agenda Review:** as is

**Review and Approve minutes of 3/23/2021, 3/25/2021, 4/13/2021:** MOTION (Buttrey/Pluta) to approve the minutes of 3/25/21 and 4/13/21. Unanimous. No quorum for the 3/23/21 minutes.

**Review of Orders:** Payables were sent out for review, Buttrey asked about when we get a business manager report as we enter the end of the year. Williams will communicate with Linda and see if she could come in 4 weeks.

**Public Comment:** none

**Correspondence:** none

### Reports:

#### Principal Report:

- Talked with 3-4 grade teachers, who read the kids version of Omnivore's Dilemma.
- Graduation discussions have started again, looking like it is a go and crossing the bridge.
- Getting ready for SBAC testing. Hoping it is taken lightly than in the past.
  - Buttrey - test was not done last year because of the pandemic. Grades 3-6 are taking it.
  - Darrah - it will be interesting to see what the test results look like after having not taken it last year.
- The ability to test well really only looks at one part of a person. Colleges have chosen not to look at SAT scores this year, and they are getting a more diverse group of applicants.
- Darrah asked about use of the gym, and it is still not available for outside use. TES and TASP are the only users. Possibility that late June may be open, per Williams.

### Window Treatments:

Williams, Brown and Walker met about the window dressers project. Installing should be very simple, and they can be removed when needed. The only thing not clear is storing them. Brown said there is a little room up in the gym, but there is not additional storage. Williams is very aware of student and teacher comfort during the warm months. Rooms should have at least two operating windows in each room. Next step - meet with staff to go over details. Further discussion ensued.

### **Public Water Quality Monitoring:**

Patricia Beavers from Environmental and John Brown detail the testing history and process to date.

- Beavers - TES public water system has been tested every 3 years since 1993. In 1998 Environmental took over. Water was tested in 2016 and a little high. Needed to be 15 parts per million or less. The Senate bill had different action levels. They wanted anything above 5 to be a red flag. First draw was a lot higher than the flush level.
- Just three classrooms are above 10 or 11 parts per billion without being flushed.
- Brown - eliminate all the drinking fountains in the classrooms and add a couple more water bottle refill stations, one on the lower wing in place of the water fountain, and one in the upper wing. He has been pricing and they are about \$1200 a piece. Reimbursable through a state program.
- Covalla - is anyone looking at a permanent fix, and how often is retesting done? Beaver - water is tested every three years, and also to permanently fix/replumb the building is an astronomical cost. Covalla - feels the school is going to be there for ever and at some point it is going to need to be plumbed.
- Williams thanked Brown and Beaver for attending and providing the information.

### **Discussion Regarding the Bathroom Project:**

- There was only one bid, a waiver was granted, and we are moving forward with the bathroom project this summer.
- Brown - base price \$89,685 Three options:
  - 1 - to replace windows in the two bathrooms
  - 2 - finish the exterior walls (\$16,000)
  - 3 - replace baseboard heating units to cast iron style
- \$118,000 would be final with all three options.
- If a summer program happens, they can use the upper wing.
- Next meeting should make a decision on the project.

### **Other Business:**

Williams talked about policies, and they could be broken up into 3 sections. Further discussion ensued regarding posting. Next meeting will be a first reading of the required policies.

### **Adjournment:**

MOTION (Snider/Pluta) to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Unanimous.

Minutes Prepared By:

Ginni Balch, Minutes Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk

### **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

May 11, 2021

Thetford Town School District Meeting 6:30 p.m.