

Marlboro School Board Meeting 5/5/14 Approved

Attending: Jen Carr, President; Wayne Kermenski, Clerk; Steven John, Superintendent; Francie Marbury, Principal; Members of the public: David Roundtree, Mimi Brill, Casey Deane

The meeting was called to order by Jen Carr at 6:15pm.

The school board heard from members of the public about the issue of school of choice. The board is not taking any action on this issue at this time.

Jen noted that while school board welcomes discussion at school board meetings about this issue, no action to change our current structure would be taken without first holding a widely-publicized forum to gather input from the entire community.

Discussion of the implications of the school consolidation bill known as H.883 that has passed the Vermont House, but has not passed the Senate. Jen thinks it looks unlikely that the Senate will take any action this year. The board is considering a public meeting to keep the community informed of this issue.

David Roundtree, Mimi Brill, and Casey Deane left the meeting at 7pm.

Special education funding discussion. The school board is considering a proposal to the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) board for shared special education costs among the school boards in our supervisory union.

Salary scale committee work will be brought up at the next meeting.

Steven John joined the meeting at 7:30pm.

Principal's report attached.

Jen made a motion to approve the MES 2014-2015 school wide action plan. Motion unanimously passed.

Next year a school board member will not be on the action plan committee. Instead the plan will be shared with the board in time for a more in-depth review before approval is requested.

Jen made a motion to approve the Benefits Procedures for MES employees. Motion unanimously passed.

Jen made a motion to warn Policy Code F16: Tuition Payment for High School Students. Motion unanimously passed.

School board reviewed Policy Code F14: Admission of Nonresident Tuition Students. Jen made a motion for continuation of the policy as written. Motion unanimously passed.

The board supports the formation of a building committee that will create a capital improvements plan for the school building. This will be brought up at the June meeting with proposals for appointments to the committee.

Jen made a motion for the school administration to seek a Current Expenditure Loan from the bank to cover cash flow through July 1, 2014. Motion unanimously passed. The principal will bring the proposal to the June school board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

- Further discussion on H.883
- Update on new CFO hire for the WCSU

The school board signed 2014-2015 staff contracts.

Jen made a motion to go into executive session at 9pm to discuss a personnel matter. Motion unanimously passed.

Executive session ended at 9:10pm.

Jen made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 contract for the MES principal. Motion unanimously passed. The school board directed the superintendent to craft a letter of understanding with the principal clarifying when the 190 days will be worked.

Motion to adjourn 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Kermenski and Jen Carr

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Principal's Report

Student Learning/Professional Learning

- The Action Plan committee has completed this year's plan. It's attached here for your review and approval.
- Proposed class configurations for next year – K, 1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6, 7/8
- Average class size of 14. This has been shared with parents.
- The Junior High is off to D.C. with a banner reading "Global Warming: No fake! Our world at stake."

Policy or Regulation Implementation

Benefits Procedures – I will have copies to review that include updates based on School Board decisions of the past two years.

Consider revisions of F14 and F16. Both policies are attached.

Building and Grounds

Visioning/planning process for the building.

- Create a committee to shape this.
- Solicit ideas and input from the community and the staff.
- Committee works with input and develops plan.
- Plan approved by the board.

Finance/Accounting

Need for Current Expenditure Loan due to cash flow concerns. We will pay this off with the line of credit we will request July 1.

The bank will need to know how funds to cover the end of year budget deficit will be raised. My understanding is that this will be built into next year's budget.

Enrollment/Staffing

Student enrollment as of 5/5/14 -- 86

Contracts for next year - sign

My contract is ready for your consideration.

Informational Items

Special Education percentage of total student populations

WCSU 14.41%

WNESU 19.64%

WSWSU 15.34%

WSESU 18.55%

H.883 has passed the House and is in the Senate.

Marlboro Realms of Learning: Communication, Problem Solving, Personal Development, Civic and Social Responsibility, Knowledge