

## **Marlboro School Board Meeting June 2, 2014**

In attendance: Jennifer Carr, President; Wayne Kermenski, Cleck; Will Brooke deBock, Vice President; Francie Marbury, Principal; Steven John, Superintendent; Members of the public: Daneilla Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Daniella Hall: Summarized her research on rural schools. Investigating Vermont's policies and ways of governance.

Will made the motion to accept the 5/5/14 minute notes with typographical error. Jen seconds. Approved.

Jen made a motion to accept the 4/7/14 minutes notes. Wayne seconds. Approved

Stephen John arrived at 6:35.

Update on Salary scale progress. Nothing has happened recently, but talks will continue when school ends.

Approval tuition payment for high school, F16. Will makes a motion to approve F16. Jen seconds. Approved.

Date for a board retreat. July 11th was suggested. Half day. 1-4. Goal setting for the year concentrating on student outcomes, governance, opportunities for learning and programs, operations. South pond

No school board meeting will be held August.

Daniella left at 7:10.

The board will present a motion regarding Special education funding at the WCSU supervisory union on September 24th. Will will write a proposal to share education costs among the WCSU for K-6 grades.

### **Principal's report.**

#### **Student Learning/Professional Learning**

Outside Works is in full gear with

- Erica's class working in the new garden and visiting several local farms
- Kindergarten off on a number of farm related field trips as well as the Montshire Museum, Judy's class to South Pond
- Pam's class just back from a successful Vermont Field research trip.  
Visit to Thayer School of Engineering - focus on STEM - This is a good example of curriculum based on the strengths and passions of individual teachers.

- Work at the Poetry Studio
- The whole school participated in Hogback Day, organized once again by community member Carol Berner with help from John Bentley and all of the staff.
- Spring Concert and Art Show
- Junior High Drama Night - Doorway to Drama
- End of the year math, reading and writing assessments
- 8th grade graduation portfolio presentations

### **Policy or Regulation Implementation**

- Approval of warned policies F14 and F16.

### **Building and Grounds**

Summer work - This will not involve expenses beyond what is budgeted. Jesse will take care of most small projects and the rest will come out of Operations and Maintenance.

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**

See Gail's notes

Discussion of Special Education costs spread across the WCSU

### **Enrollment/Staffing**

Student enrollment as of 6/2/14           86

Projected enrollment for 8/27/14           83

Staffing - The staff remains the same except for the loss of Yvonne Laseter, behavior interventionist.

Request for executive session around personnel/curriculum matter.

### **Informational items:**

Community meeting in fall re school direct consolidation

8th grade portfolio presentations

Thursday, June 5 - Volunteer Appreciation Tea, 2pm

8th grade Consortium, 7pm in the Marlboro Town House

Monday, June 9 - Graduation, 7pm

Wednesday, June 11 - last day of school

Monday, August 25 - New Year's Eve Potluck - 5:30pm

Wednesday, August 27 - first day of school

**The Board discussed the need for a bridge loan due a deficit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.**

Marlboro School Board approves the borrowing of \$200,000 from the Brattleboro Savings & Loan and is signing the following loan documents:

1. Credit Agreement and Disclosure Loan Date 6/9/14 Maturity Date 6/9/14 Loan No, 600019276.
2. Disbursement Request and Authorization. Loan No 600019276

The Marlboro School Board authorizes Gail Chaine, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper and Linda Peters, Treasurer to represent the School Board in securing these funds from Brattleboro Savings & Loan and to proceed with securing a Tax Anticipation Note in July 2014 for a line of credit up to \$800,000.

The board discussed what contributed to the deficit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Executive session was held to discuss a personnel contract decision. Will make the motion and Jen seconds. End executive session at 9:10 with no decision.

Superintendents report:

New CFO spent the day touring elementary schools and working with current CFO in order to make the transition smooth.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25.