

Approved Minutes

WINDHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 8/11/2017

Present: Bill Anton, Laurie Garland, Mickey Parker-Jennings, Carolyn Partridge, BJ Davis, Antje Ruppert, Kord Scott, Mike McLaine, Peter Chamberlain, Gail Wyman, Nancy and Jerry Dyke

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Minutes: BJ D. moves to approve the minutes with correction, Carolyn P. 2nd.

Bills and Pay Orders: Antje R. moves to approve pay orders 64, 65, 67, 68, 69 and 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, Carolyn P 2nd. Pay orders 66 and 5 will be verified and approved at the next meeting.

Members of the Public: Jerry D. informs the board that the CAC has not received the annual loan payment from the WES. Laurie G. is checking into it.

Kord S.: John Pozzi expressed interest in becoming a back-up bus driver.

Mike M.: There was a malfunction of the generator between the town office and school that has since been repaired.

Nancy D: 20 children attended the summer day camp at the Windham Meeting House and Cindy Kehoe did a great job with help from Kathy Youngerman.

Principal's Report: see attachment.

Superintendent's Report: see attachment

Old Business: School brochure - still being developed

Security camera discussion. The Select Board approved \$500 toward a camera purchase.

A representative from the company will arrive shortly for a walk-around.

The security camera on the bus runs when the bus is in operation. Kord S. will check on the recording time.

Kord S. wonders about sharing services between the school and town office such as Internet. Laurie G. will investigate if this is possible given that the school's Internet service is partially paid by the State.

Mickey P-J. will check into installing motion sensors after the picnic table was stolen.

Power Purchase Agreement: Four Front Power will be building a solar garden at Newbrook School in the fall and every district was provided the opportunity to buy into it for power credits. Predictions are that there will be cost savings of \$1000 per year. The contract term is 20 years. In case of a school closure or power consumption changes there is a reallocation option.

Antje R. moves that the Board signs the Four Front Power Purchase Agreement. Carolyn P. 2nd.

Carolyn P. moves to authorize Laurie G. to set up an automatic payment for LEAF (copy machine leasing company). Antje R. 2nd. Kord S. thinks that the town office should cooperate with the school with regard to copiers. If anything, information exchange.

Building repair: Pete C. states that a qualified assessment from a professional carpenter is needed with regard to the school siding.

New Business: Small School's Grant: Starting in 2019, the Small School's Grant will cease to exist and will turn into a Merger Grant or a "Geographically isolated Stipend". The legislature will have to determine the parameters for the latter. WES should keep this item on its agenda and revisit it regularly.

WCSU Retreat: Sept. 27 at Mt. Snow

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017, at 4 pm

Adjourn: 10:15 am