

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD
Draft MINUTES – December 18, 2017 6:00 pm
Whitney Community Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jerome Dougherty, President. Present are Jerome Dougherty, Jessica DellaValla, Genn Anzaldi, and Keith Bradley, Andrew Kearns (6:20 pm). Also in attendance were Superintendent Kevin Richard, and Principal Gayle Dembowski. Absent: - Assistant Superintendent Kathryn Wilson

2. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11-15-17 meeting. Ms. Anzaldi seconded. **APPROVED 4-0-0**

3. Citizen Comments – none

Town report and school report cannot be combined this year because of the dates. They do not reconcile well.

4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS – Ms. Dembowski requests that the 6th grade presentation be moved up closer to the beginning of the meeting. The sixth graders presented a slide show about the pavilion and the architectural plans.

5. Old Business

A. Preschool (Next Steps) – we are not providing transportation except for those students who require specialized transportation. If the site chosen is the library in the school, the Whitney oversight committee does not want the open room there used as the library.

B. Pavilion Update – see above

C. 6th Grade – middle school configuration at Bartlett – it looks like they are moving the 6th grade into the middle school village. That would be effective this September. The tuition discussion was tabled, but this committee is not discussing it for this year.

D. Jackson Student Mentor/Coach – Mr. Richard was not to find a job description for the position. He will send a copy of the high school guidance counselor description. The family liaison position at Bartlett is similar to the position. The high school has a half time ELO Coordinator that is developing at this time. Ms. Dembowski has mentioned expanding the Enrichment position to a Personalized Learning Coach. This would start with the 6th graders and then move down with tracking interests, etc.

E. 6th Graders Discuss Project – see above

Discussion continued regarding combining school and town reports. A discussion should be held with the Selectmen to see if the dates can be moved.

F. District Report

1. Staff Salary/Benefits – Total amount vs. individual employees – total health costs are OK but individual and family amounts should not be listed separately
2. Vendors – this is all public information. There are many vendors and it may be very difficult to understand.

6. Instructional Issues – Personnel Policy at the Jackson Library? This was in the last meeting's minutes. May we also publish the medical information/rates and have those available at the Library for the public? The bus for Nordic kids from Bartlett – Andy was going to look into this. He will write a letter and will bring it to the Board.

A. FYI – 2017-18 Budget Status Report – none

B. Review Draft of 2018-19 Proposed Budget – first look. This is not a public hearing. Mr. Richard reviewed the draft. Salaries increased. Insurance has decreased this year. Special Education decreased. Tuition increased. Maintenance will change with a coming decrease in heating oil pricing. The siding will need to be addressed. Discussion ensued about the proposed new position. A separate conversation needs to be held about the positions that we have and the descriptions. Education is changing so the public may need to have an explanation as to why we need this support position now. Special education had been capped at \$100,000, is now at \$116,000. Should this be increased?

C. Review Draft of Proposed Warrant Articles – Mr. Richard will check on the ordering of the articles. Gayle spoke regarding the preschool. They feel that the current library would be the best location. They found that building a room in the basement would work, but it would cost approximately \$25000. They then opted to have John do the work, which will take a bit longer. They will need a temporary space, which could possibly be the current nurse's office space while the basement is being modified. \$114,283 is the cost that would be on the warrant. Is the Board supportive of keeping the \$15,148 for renovations in the budget? In January we will task the building committee with looking at options for the building. The remainder of the articles were reviewed. It is decided to not add an article for Special Education. The Board needs to decide what the tuition number will be for preschool children. Ms. Dembowski feels that 8-10 children would be the maximum number of students for that room. Ms. DellaValla will work with Ms. Dembowski to bring a number to the January meeting, a maximum capacity and a recommended capacity. A recommendation for reduced staff tuition rate is also needed. Strike the school bus article.

9. Administrators' Reports

A. Superintendent

1. SB-193 Overview – Education Freedom Savings Account – Voucher Bill – there is \$3600 per student - the district has an account with this amount per student, the student can use for tuition. The SAU passed their budget.

B. Principal

1. Trimester 1 Report Card/Work Study Practices – Report cards were sent home. There is a new rubric to assess behaviors that was distributed. We have 28 students at the high school, 22 of them are on the Honor Roll.

10. Citizen Comments – Penny agrees with Sasha, encourages the School Board to sharpen their pencils and continue to support the school but to get the budget down. She is concerned that we will start to see people leaving town.

11. Board Member Issues -- Board Discussion/Committee Reports

Mr. Kearns spoke regarding Whitney key cards – Ms. Dembowski spoke about how the door locks work. Regular events are programmed in. John is responsible for the scheduling and programming.

A. Set Date for Next Meeting (Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.)

12. Signing of Manifest

13. Nonpublic Session - RSA 91-A:3 II – no nonpublic session

14. Mr. Kearns made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary