

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD

Draft Minutes

Monday, June 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

JACKSON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Present were Jerome Dougherty, Keith Bradley, Jessica Della Valla, Genn Anzaldi, Kevin Richard – Superintendent, and Gayle Dembowski, Principal. Kathryn Wilson – Assistant Superintendent, is absent. Andrew Kearns is also present.

Listening post regarding 6th grade was continued.

Vicki Garland presented a report about how Jackson students are doing at Kennett. Scott Grant commends everyone at the meeting for their involvement and results.

Mr. Bradley – motion to appoint Andrew Kearns to the Board. Seconded by Ms. Anzaldi. (4-0-0)

2. Approve Minutes (5-15-17) - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Della Valla. Seconded by Mr. Bradley. **Motion passed (4-0-0)** Mr. Kearns abstained

3. Citizen Comments - none

4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS - none

5. Old Business

A. Preschool (Next Steps) - Ms. Della Valla – Pam Stinson gave her information from the SAU lawyer's intern who researched transportation issues. She has a memo that may prove helpful. Audience – timeline question – Ms. Dembowski commented about the church board needing to vote, that has not been done yet. Ms. Della Valla – there is nothing we can do until the next budgeting session. Mr. Doherty – we are only considering the church at this time.

B. Pavilion Update – Mr. Doherty – because of the size it needs a place of assembly permit, architect stamp of approval, stamp from engineer. Currently it is with the engineer. A lot of the wood is already available. It was brought down this morning. Joan says that as soon as they have the permit they will begin with digging and concrete. Kids will continue to be involved in all of the phases. They have consulted with Curtis Knowlton about methods of involving children and learning possibilities. They spoke of historic construction techniques and ways of sealing the wood.

6. Instructional Issues – none

7. Consider Personnel Actions

A. Approval of Salary for Gayle Dembowski - A motion to approve by Ms. Della Valla, seconded by Ms. Anzaldi **(5-0-0)**

B. Election of Kathleen Scholand as Lead Counselor (Summer Program) A motion to approve by Ms. Anzaldi, seconded by Mr. Bradley **(5-0-0)**

C. Election of Nicole Nappi as Counselor (Summer Program) A motion to approve by Mr. Kearns, seconded by Ms. Della Valla **(5-0-0)**

D. Election of Caitlin Purnell as Counselor (Summer Program) A motion to approve by Mr. Kearns, seconded by Ms. Della Valla **(5-0-0)**

E. Election of Nicole Nappi as ESY Staff – A motion to approve by Ms. Anzaldi, seconded by Mr. Kearns **(5-0-0)**

F. Approval of Summer Curriculum Work – A motion to approve by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Kearns **(5-0-0)**

G. Accept resignation of Steven Cooney as 20% Physical Education Teacher – A motion to accept with regret by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Della Valla **(5-0-0)**

8. Business Affairs

A. FYI – 2016-17 Budget Status Report - \$30-40,000. Class action lawsuit on siding-do we need to get a contract in place for the siding?

B. Declare Equipment Surplus and Authorize Disposal - A motion by Mr. Kearns, seconded by Ms. Anzaldi **(5-0-0)**

9. Administrators' Reports

A. Superintendent – Graduation Saturday was great. Nina Badger from Jackson did a great address. Logan Hagerty got the Kennett Key Cup. A reauthorization from the State was distributed.

1. ESSA Update – Every Student Succeeds Act – more student centered personalized learning. Standardized tests serve a purpose, but this supports assessment for learning.

2. PACE – Performance Assessments.

They are looking for feedback. Jackson has applied to be a PACE level school. Jackson is enrolled as Tier 2.

Draft goals were presented.

B. Principal – a packet was distributed with the following items included.

1. FYI – Teaching Assignments – discussion ensued about how 5/6 combined students learn the same material as 6th grade stand alone class learns. Scott Grant – Next year Bartlett will have 3 divisions. The 6th grade will be consistent at both schools, as well as SAU 9. Mr. Doherty is concerned about changing configurations for behavior and social requirements. He feels that if there are needs for that, there should be resources. Configurations should be for academic reasons.

Mr. Kearns departed at 7:13 pm.

2. JGS Smarter Balanced Scores – report presented

3. World Language Recommendation – Her recommendation is at least for next year to move forward with FLEX. Further conversation will be needed for conversational proficiency, which requires 90 minutes per week, spread over 3 days. Spanish, Mandarin and French are mentioned, Ms. Dembowski prefers Spanish or French.

4. FYI – New Media Specialist – Jennifer Spofford

10. Citizen Comments – Scott Grant applauds the Board. Audience is interested in the World Language. How will the language be decided? They will be chosen by the person who appears to be the best fit. Audience member – very supportive of the language experience. Are we sacrificing other programs to offer the language program? The Board feels that we are pretty well supported.

Audience – How is it decided to allow teachers to have their child come the Jackson school? There is a policy for full time staff to have a reduced tuition rate. If this becomes an issue for part time staff, it is something that could be discussed. This should be added to the agenda to be discussed. Emily – will be doing a presentation Bedrock - Children of the Granite State - June 29 from 5-7 pm at the Jackson Church. Questions of childcare, timing, and food are asked. Perhaps piggyback around story times at the Library. Beth – reiterate the point about concerns about configurations. Is the priority the academics or the social/behavioral? The 6th grade is very important. It doesn't have to be that they are special.

11. Board Member Issues -- Board Discussion/Committee Reports Update – Mr. Bradley and Mr. Doherty met to update the Principal's contract. It is in the works. It will need to be done by budget time. Mr. Richard hopes to bring a draft to the August 21 meeting. Ms. Della Valla brings public concerns that childcare was not provided tonight so people were not able to attend the listening post

A. Set Date for Next Meeting (August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.)

B. Appointment of Mr. Kearns as School Board Member - previously done

12. Signing of Manifest - done

13. Nonpublic Session - RSA 91-A:3 II - NONE

14. Adjourn - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bradley at 7:32 pm, seconded by Ms. Anzaldi **(4-0-0)**.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary