

**JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Monday, August 21, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**JACKSON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Jerome Dougherty. Present are: Jerome Dougherty, Keith Bradley, Jessica Della Valla, Genn Anzaldi, Andrew Kearns, Kevin Richard – Superintendent, and Gayle Dembowski, Principal. Kathryn Wilson – Assistant Superintendent, is absent.

PUBLIC HEARING on Video and Audio Recording in School Classrooms – The public hearing was opened at 6:02 pm by Jerome Dougherty. The policy was read. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 6:04 pm.

2. Approve Minutes (6-19-17) – Andrew Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting as written. Genn Anzaldi seconded. Approved **(5-0-0)**
3. Citizen Comments - none
4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS – will be done under administrator’s reports
5. Old Business
  - A. Preschool (Next Steps) – no news, September meeting is when something will be prepared. Emily will be scheduling a time for the Bedrock presentation. Peter reiterated that he hopes that after the September meeting we can start to see some affirmative push – advocating for the preschool. Proactive leadership on the part of the Board will mean a lot to the community. Ms. Anzaldi asks for alternative funding ideas. There is no preschool committee at this time. There is no answer regarding a decision from the church. The School Board can look at what type of grant money can be found for the preschool. There is a concern about asking private foundations for funding while forming a publicly funded school. Mr. Dougherty – The School Board will need to make a decision after a public hearing, as to whether they will do it or not. Mr. Kearns – If the School Board makes a decision, the taxpayers have usually supported that decision. Audience member would like to know when the public hearing might be. Mr. Dougherty states that he feels that they would likely do it sooner rather than later once the information is available.
  - B. Pavilion Update - no news. Materials keep arriving.
6. Instructional Issues - none

7. Consider Personnel Actions

- A. Election of Joan Heysler as Lead Soccer Coach- a motion by Mr. Kearns , second by Mr. Bradley , **(5-0-0)**
- B. Election of Pablo Casasbuenas as Part-time (20%) Physical Education Teacher- a motion by Mr. Kearns , second by Ms. Anzaldi , **(5-0-0)**
- C. Election of Pablo Casasbuenas as World Language Teacher – a motion by Ms. Anzaldi, second by Mr. Kearns. Mr. Kearns feels that it is fabulous that they were able to find one person to fill both positions. **(5-0-0)**

8. Business Affairs

- A. FYI – 2017-18 Budget Status Report -
- B. 2016-17 Summary of Expenses and Receipts – Whitney Center reimbursement - \$10000 check went back in, bringing that line up.
- C. 2016-17 School Lunch Program Summary – consistent at approximately \$9000 for the past 4 years
- D. Consider Retaining Fund Balance from 6/30/17 – up to \$55163.00 is allowed. Funds to be used for an emergency type situation. In the Whitney Trust fund the balance is \$39000 and the maintenance fund has \$76000. Currently the siding is being glued back on as it is falling off. We have the money to pay for it now. If we retain that money and we are going to do the repair next year then we can release it back to reduce the tax rate. A motion by Mr. Bradley to retain \$25000 of the fund balance from the last FY. Seconded by Ms. Anzaldi. **5-0-0**
- E. Signing of DOE-25/MS-25 Financial Reports
- F Letter from April Spas – potential donation to the preschool in the amount of \$3000. This will have to be put on hold until plans are more solid. This was unsolicited.

9. Administrators' Reports

- A. Superintendent – Mr. Richard and Ms. Dembowski did a joint report on competency based education. Any time, any place, any pace learning. Handouts about what has been learned and worked on this summer were distributed to the Board. The faculty is very excited about this. Mr. Richard spoke about this process as well. NH leads the nation in this work. The hard work is going to be in the assessments. Mr. Dougherty is excited for this to happen in Jackson. He finds frustration with standardized assessments. The PACE program allows you to petition the State to reduce the standardized testing. Mr. Grant mentions that the easy way to fix that is to not be a member of the NH School Board Association. Mr. Richard feels the same about the standardized assessments. The assessments are tied to the competencies and the standards. All School Boards are being invited to a roundtable discussion next week about this program.
- B. Principal

1. PACE/Competency Based Education – see above
10. Citizen Comments – question of preschool – prior to the public hearing, will the board vote on whether or not to offer the preschool to the voters in March? Mr. Dougherty - No, that is why we would have the public hearing, to educate ourselves. We would want to have the hearing prior to developing the warrant article. Mr. Bradley – wants the public hearing wants to make sure that the public is supportive of the preschool. Ms. Della Valla – the devil is in the details. Mr. Dougherty – we want to be as transparent as possible. Ms. Della Valla – we are hinging on one specific plan right now. If this plan doesn't work out, preschool will be postponed at least another year. That could bring another question about whether we support a preschool whether it is in the church or not. Mr. Kearns – offers assistance with getting information from the Church if Ms. Dembowski is having difficulty.
11. Board Member Issues -- Board Discussion/Committee Reports – Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Bradley met with Mr. Richard and Ms. Dembowski to work on a job description for a principal position at Jackson school, instead of a teaching principal. That has not been updated since 1983. Ms. Della Valla is interested in a listening post for middle school and high school. This should be placed under old business and a date will be set for this at the next meeting.
  - A. Set Date for Next Meeting (September 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.)
12. Signing of Manifest
13. Nonpublic Session - RSA 91-A:3 II
  - A. Personnel Matters
  - B. Student Matters
14. Adjourn - Mr. Bradley made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Ms. Anzaldi seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson  
Recording Secretary