

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD
Draft MINUTES – September 18, 2017 6:00 pm
Jackson Grammar School

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

Mr. Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes from 8-21-17 as presented, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. **APPROVED 5-0-0**

Citizen Comments - none

4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS – not at this time

5. Old Business

Preschool (Next Steps) – Ms. Dembowski showed a Powerpoint presentation to the group. The church has not had their meeting so has not done their vote as of yet. They will be voting on Sunday the 24th. Several audience members asked questions to clarify some of the information presented. Housing the preschool at the grammar school is also being considered, but does need further investigation. Ms. Della Valla made a motion to develop a warrant article for preschool for the 2018/19 school year. Ms. Anzaldi seconded. **4-1-0** Mr. Bradley opposed

Pavilion Update – Preliminary pictures from the architect and engineer were shown to the Board. They need some money, and the building permit needs to be approved. An outline for the year was presented, along with Classroom Connections. The budget has not changed from last year.

C. School Listening Post – Middle School/High School being scheduled for the November meeting, November 15th, at 5:30 pm. Board meeting at 6 pm. Audience question as a parent of a freshman at Kennett, concerned about the communication/website. Perhaps a specific guidance person would help. Mr. Richard recommends contacting the principal of the school and offering that feedback.

6. Instructional Issues – none

7. Consider Personnel Actions

A. Accept Resignation of Gary Allen – A motion to accept by Ms. Anzaldi, seconded by Mr. Kearns with regret **5-0-0**

B. Approval of Job Description for Elementary School Principal- A motion to accept by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Anzaldi **5-0-0**

C. Consider Election of Dennis Savilonis as Half-Time Custodian – A motion by Mr. Kearns, seconded by Ms. Anzaldi **5-0-0**

8. Business Affairs

FYI – 2017-18 Budget Status Report
FYI – Correspondence from Auditor – no concerns noted

9. Administrators' Reports

Superintendent – Mr. Richard – Spoke about developing a warrant article around preschool. There has been communication about the Whitney Center. Great start to the school year. There is a card reader on the front door now. There is a town hall on education – Reaching Higher New Hampshire – October 12, 630 – 8 pm. This will cover policy briefings on education. Competency Based Education meetings will be coming up in Madison on Sept. 27. And have been working on spreading the word on local media outlets and forums. Ms. Della Valla would love to speak about balancing mandates with the potential for what we can be with this program.

Principal – Ms. Dembowski

1. Summer Program Recap – A breakdown was passed around. There were two field trips per week. This was very successful.

2. School Goals – Them is “Building Community”. An outline was passed out to Board members. Highlights included *Engagement by increasing personalization. *Performance Assessment. *Complete the Pavilion Project. *Related events – Continue Mind Up work, Children’s Stage Adventures, School Wide Celebration of Learning, & Community Service Projects. Mr. Dougherty suggests working on the 6th grade future as a goal, and bringing those recommendations to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding questions about the 6th grade moving to Bartlett. Specific questions that need answers are integration part way through the three years, sports, and foreign languages.

Joan and Kristin are presenting at the Christa McAuliffe Museum.

3. Robotics Grant – just an FYI – for startup

10. Citizen Comments - none

11. Board Member Issues -- Board Discussion/Committee Reports – Mr. Bradley would like to talk about the School times changing. Mr. Dougherty was aware of this. School is now 8:25 am–3:15 pm. Mr. Kearns speaks about Bartlett using a Jackson bus to move children to Conway for sports. Mr. Richard will investigate this. Mr. Kearns also requests that Mr. Richard looks into what happens when a student withdraws from the district for a semester and attends school somewhere else. Mr. Richard explained the process to him. Discussion about Ms. Dembowski’s contract. No update on the sign out front.

Set Date for Next Meeting (October 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.) – Joint Bartlett/Jackson Meeting on October 16th at 5:30 p.m.

12. Signing of Manifest

13. Nonpublic Session - RSA 91-A:3 II

Personnel Matters

B. Student Matters

14. Ms. Della Valla made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary