

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD
Monday, August 20, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER
Draft Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was call to order at 3:15 pm by Mr. Dougherty. Present: Jerome Dougherty, Keith Bradley, Kate Fournier, and Kevin Richard – Superintendent and Gayle Dembowski– Principal. Jessica Della Valla and Genn Anzaldi are absent.

2. Correct minutes – Ms. Anzaldi was present. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6-18-18 meeting as corrected, Ms. Fournier seconded. **APPROVED 3-0-0**

3. Citizen Comments

4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS

5. Old Business

A. Early Childhood Ed. Update – Ms. Dembowski shared a packet regarding their proposal. She recommends that the best plan would be to relocate the library. The hours would remain the same. No second assistant would be needed as other staff would be available. This allows to offer to 3 and 4 year olds, with the 4 year olds as a priority. Books would be distributed throughout the building. She estimates that there would be 12 in the year 2019/20. Currently there are 51 enrolled. The school is comfortable with no more than 12 in each grade. Preschool is not mandated by the State. Special needs that are identified must be taken care of. Guidelines need to be in place. Mr. Bradley would like to see the costs before moving forward. Ms. Fournier is not sure about the 4 year olds, and not combining the pre-K with the K. Ms. Dembowski explained her hesitations with combining the two grades. She feels that it would be taking a step backward. Mr. Richard is concerned about preschoolers attending a full day like kindergarten. Mr. Dougherty is concerned about the funding from year to year but would like Ms. Dembowski to move forward. Mr. Bradley feels that this proposal will not be changing and is not supportive of that. The majority of the Board would like Ms. Dembowski to move forward with her recommendation. Mr. Bradley would like highlights of the pros and cons.

Emily – encourages the Board to remember that it was a tied vote that defeated this last year. Class configurations will be affected if you just take the 4 year olds. An enrollment policy needs to be established.

Joyce Allen – has concerns. This is the same proposal as last year. There are money aspects that bother her. The teacher may not have a full class each day. She is uncomfortable with the \$6000 tuition number, when it is costing \$9500 per Jackson student. She has questions about the fairness of that.

Micah – presentation and passion will make it appear to be a different proposal. Having the answers to the questions will make a difference.

B. Pavilion Update – Footings are poured. Specifics will be available for the next meeting. September 21st is the date of the raising, and there will be a community cookout. It will be during the school day and will run into after school hours.

6. Instructional Issues

7. Consider Personnel Actions

A. Approval of Revision to Eric Tonkery's ESY Contract – A motion to approve by Mr. Bradley, Ms. Fournier seconded **3-0-0**

B. Accept Resignation of Pablo Casasbuenas – A motion to accept with regret was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Fournier **3-0-0**

8. Business Affairs

A. FYI – 2018-19 Budget Status Report

B. 2017-18 Summary of Expenses and Receipts

C. 2017-18 School Lunch Program Summary

D. Consider Retaining Fund Balance from 6/30/18 – \$195,460, with a revenue of \$103,000. \$60,512 can be retained to reduce tax rate or for emergencies. There have been unanticipated costs this year. The Capital Reserve covers for emergencies. Ms. Stimpson cautions against returning the entire balance. Should we be putting more into our Special Education Trust Fund. A motion to retain \$25000.00 of the Fund Balance was made by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Mr. Bradley **3-0-0**

E. Signing of DOE-25/MS-25 Financial Reports

9. Administrators' Reports

A. Superintendent – There are a number of positions that need to be hired, but there is no meeting before September 7. If the Board can be polled via email, the people can be hired retroactive to the first day at the next Board meeting. Mr. Richard will email to provide names, their packets will be available at the office.

There is a proposal from Dembowski Brothers for the work on the Whitney Center. Mr. Dougherty would like a discussion about the bid process/policy.

B. Principal – Ms. Dembowski distributed the Summer Program attendance

10. Citizen Comments

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

The Town is looking at rooves for solar panels. The Whitney Center is a potential site. Can the electric bill be emailed to the Town Office? Mr. Richard will check into this.

A. Set Date for Next Meeting (September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.)

12. Signing of Manifest

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

14. Mr. Bradley made a motion to adjourn at 4:28 pm, Ms. Fournier seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

Discussion continued, with no quorum present.

Joyce mentioned the three year olds. She is concerned that they may not be potty trained. Ms. Fournier spoke about the requirement of her preschool: that her child had to be toilet trained before starting.

PRESENTED
BY GAYLE D.
8/20/2018

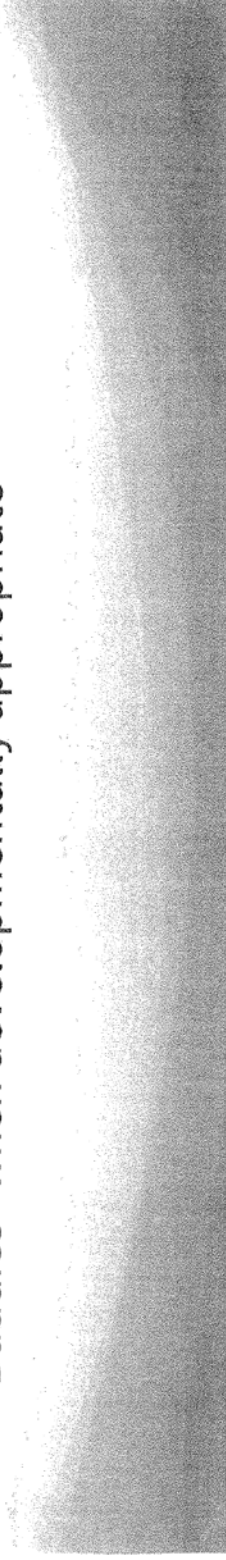
Jackson School District Preschool Proposal

2019-2020



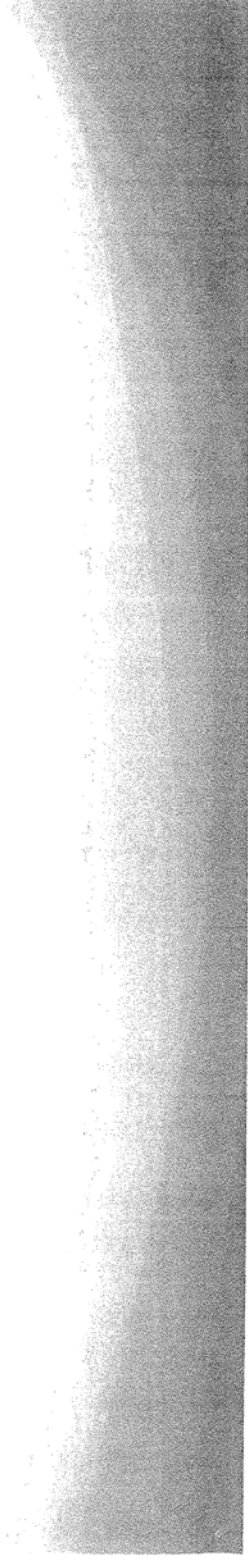
Why Public Preschool in Jackson?

- Create equity in accessibility and programming for all preschool aged students
- Allows for better oversight and alignment of preschool curriculum with current elementary curriculum
- Support staff on-site- no additional travel costs
- Clinicians, nurse, principal on-site- no additional travel costs
- Increase opportunities for family interactions with school staff
- Opportunities for collaboration with K/1 classroom and “Big Buddies” when developmentally appropriate



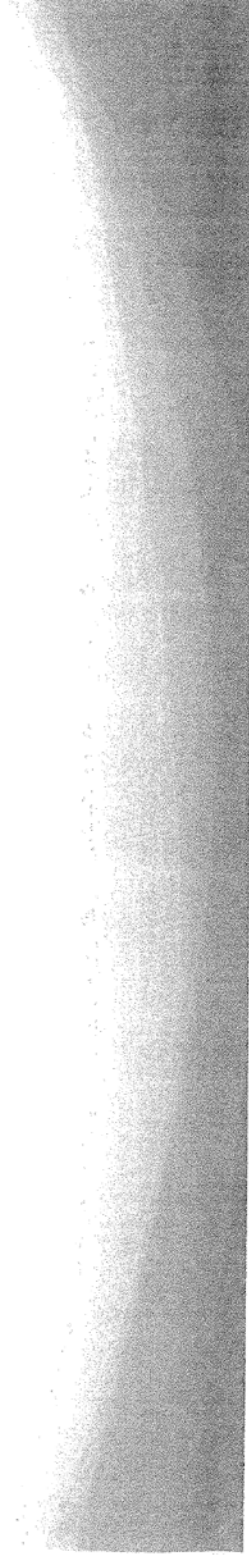
Why Public Preschool in Jackson? *(continued)*

- Family engagement and education opportunities
- Potential ease for families with older children already attending JGS
- Support transition to Kindergarten
- Possibility of revenue for before and after-care programs as well as non-district family tuitions
- Access to Unified Arts Programming
- Attract young families to our community



What we have heard in past 3 years in Jackson...

- Education matters to Jackson taxpayers.
- Early childhood education and intervention matter to Jackson taxpayers.
- Many working parents need before and/or aftercare for their children.
- While we have quality preschools in the Valley, they are not accessible to all.
- Fiscal responsibility matters to Jackson taxpayers. ✓
- School Choice matters to Jackson taxpayers. ✓
- Location matters to Jackson taxpayers. If we present a plan for a preschool, it should be located in the town of Jackson.



Jackson Preschool Proposal 2018-2019

- **Schedule:**
 - 9am – 1pm, Monday-Friday
 - 1 Hour Before and 2 Hour After Care paid for by parents/caregivers
 - Follows SAU9 Calendar
- **Location:** JGS Library or classroom TBD based on space and numbers
- **Tuition:** free for Jackson residents, TBD for non-residents
- **Staffing:** 1 50%- teacher, 1 full time assistant
- **Transportation:** Provided by parents/caregivers
- **Anticipated enrollment 2019-2020: 12- 3 and 4 year olds(4yo priority)**

Memo

Date: August 20, 2018
RE: Board Questions about Preschool
From: Gayle Dembowski

The questions presented by the board were:

- **New proposal without moving the library downstairs, what would that look like?** - Move the books and use the library as classroom space. This makes room for a Preschool for both 3 and 4 year olds. We would give 4 year olds priority so as not to over crowd the program.
- **Just adding 4-year old's, what would that look like?** Though this is possible it is not my recommendation.
- **Folks wanted to be able to vote to keep the pre-K each year (I would not even address this, just too much upheaval for everyone)-** I do not recommend this
- **Folks need to be educated on who is licensed to teach pre-K, do we have someone already on staff?** We do not have anyone certified on staff currently.
- **Would having a pre-K cut down on our special needs budget, by having students under the staff's watchful eyes that much earlier and if so, can we put a price on it?** Though it is possible that it will it is not measurable and impossible to forecast.
- **What/when is North Conway and the rest of the SAU 9/13 moving forward with public pre-K?** SAU 13 offers public Pre School, SSIP leadership team is submitting recommendations to the Conway School Board for their meeting on August 27.
- **Preschool transportation (even if we just have 4^{-year} old's)-** We will only provide transportation for those students on IEPs who require it . Parents will transport children.