

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD
Monday, October 15, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mr. Dougherty. Present are: Jerome Dougherty, Jessica DellaValla, Kate Fournier, Keith Bradley, Genn Anzaldi, Gayle Dembowski (principal) and Kevin Richard, Superintendent.
2. Approve Minutes (9-17-18) – Ms. DellaValla made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9-17-18 meeting, Mr. Bradley seconded. **APPROVED 5-0-0**
3. Citizen Comments – Ms. DellaValla spoke about the Vicki Garland issue. She thought that Ms. Dembowski was responsible for following the children through high school. Vicki Garland is responsible now.
4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS – Ms. Dembowski has nothing to report at this point in the meeting.
5. Old Business
 - A. Early Childhood Ed. Update – (under first reading on the agenda) Sarah is concerned about the status of the ECE update. Mr. Dougherty says that if we decide to put it on the warrant article, it will be discussed at the budget hearing. Ms. Dembowski clarified that the Committee has met and has provided a draft policy that will be discussed later in this meeting. This could be petitioned even if the School Board is not in favor of moving this forward. Funding can not be appropriated through a petition. Mr. Bradley is not in favor of the preschool. Sasha left the last meeting with the impression that all of the Board except Mr. Bradley was supportive. She is confused this evening, as it seems that the Board may have shifted. Mr. Dougherty explained that the warrant article will be discussed in November, and voted on in December. Currently the Board is answering the detailed questions that the community put forth, and those answers will be given in December. The Board is in process and is working on finalizing details. The first look at the Warrant will happen in November. There will be a dollar amount available in November. The draft language will be brought to November meeting.
 - B. Pavilion Update – November 2 – weather permitting. There will be a pasta party that evening, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.
6. Instructional Issues
 - A. First Reading of Policies – Mr. Bradley feels that we should not be discussing policies when we do not have a plan. **Ms. Anzaldi made a motion to approve the policies on the first reading, Ms. DellaValla seconded.**
 1. JEB – ECE Program Enrollment Guidelines – Mr. Dougherty

reviewed this policy and explained how it was developed. Mr. Bradley questions whether there should be a number of total students in the school mentioned, should this policy be adjusted if the maximum school population is met. This should be spelled out in this policy. There also needs to be consideration of the minimum number of students. That should be a Board decision, not a policy. A separate policy should reconcile how to deal with the total population at the school and how it will affect the preschool. Mr. Bradley also would like to know if 10 is the maximum. There is a 2 child buffer that is built into that number, bringing it up to 12. Change the last paragraph to “best interest of the students”. There may be a separate school population policy, and minimum enrollment guideline. **4-0-1 abstained (Mr. Bradley)**

2. JECC – Admission of Nonresident Student of an Employee – this is the current K-6 policy, adjusted as shown by bold and struck out language. Jette Glazer is concerned that there is a high turnover in part time staff. Mr. Dougherty would like to bump this policy back to the committee for further review. Sarah asked how many resident and tuitioned children are enrolled, and would like the Board to make that available to the public.
3. Article 29 of Personnel Policies for Contracted Employees – Add an “s” after position and add “staff” after ECE **5-0-0**
4. DJC – Purchasing – Mr. Richard explained this policy. This is reaffirmation of the process. Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. **5-0-0**

7. Consider Personnel Actions

- A. Approval of Request by Lauren Weeder for Child Care Leave – Ms. DellaValla made a motion to approve, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. **5-0-0**

8. Business Affairs

- A. FYI – 2018-19 Budget Status Report

9. Administrators' Reports

- A. Superintendent – SAU 9 Board meeting is 11/8 at 6 pm. They are asking for Board representation at that meeting.
- B. Principal – Ms. Dembowski has received and would like to approve a non-resident tuition student. Ms. Della Valla made a motion to approve, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. It meets the class size requirements outlined above. This tuition will be prorated for the year. It appears that the student will be a good fit. **5-0-0**
Fall Festival is 10/26 at 1 pm.

10. Citizen Comments – Sarah has questions about the student that is tuitioning in and their cost. She is concerned that she pays more for a resident student than \$10,000. She also commented about the preschool and the possibility of putting it in the multimedia room. She wants to be sure that space is not being taken away from K-6. She would like to know how many from this Board attend the meetings in Conway. Mr. Dougherty explained that generally there is at least one Jackson member at those meetings. She also commented that there will be big shoes to fill with Becky leaving. Joyce wants to know what will happen to the teacher if preschool is cancelled in a given year. This is addressed in the reduction of force policy. Jette Glazer asks the Board to look at whether Black Mountain is the best choice for the ESSC ski program. Cranmore and Attitash are willing to welcome the program back. The ski coach said that ESSC won't move the program from Black. They have said that it needs to come from the community. Mr. Dougherty feels that there needs to be further clarification. Mr. Bradley asked the PTO to put out a survey. The Board needs to know what the timelines and who is responsible. Mr. Dougherty feels that this is not a board issue, but an issue between parents and ESSC. Ms. Glazer is asking the Board to consider if they are comfortable with sending the children to an unsafe location. Ms. Dembowski requests that a Board member meet with her and the ski coach. There have been conversations about the fact that the mountain is inspected just as all the other mountains. Ms. Dembowski is concerned that a survey would be the best representation of the school population. The coach and Ms. Dembowski are comfortable with the current program. Ms. Glazer is concerned that her family is not allowed at the mountain any more. The Board is unable to respond to her comments. Ms. Dembowski stated that ESSC indicated that changing mountains is a school board decision. Chris spoke about his experiences at the mountain. Ms. DellaValla offered to meet with Ms. Dembowski and Neil to begin the process. They will bring their findings to the Board. Joyce asked if there will be a method to absentee vote in March.
11. Board Member Issues -- Board Discussion/Committee Report
 - * Vicki Garland – Kennett Liaison – put this under old business for the next meeting. Invite her to the next meeting.
 - A. Set Date for Next Meeting (November 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm)
12. Signing of Manifest
14. Adjourn – Ms. DellaValla made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary