

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD
Monday, December 17, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
WHITNEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Mr. Dougherty. Present are: Jerome Dougherty, Jessica DellaValla, Genn Anzaldi, Kate Fournier, Keith Bradley, Gayle Dembowski (principal), and Kevin Richard, Superintendent. James Hill and Pam Stimson are also present.
2. Approve Minutes (11-19-18) - Ms. Anzaldi made a motion to approve, Ms. Della Valla seconded. **5-0-0**
3. Citizen Comments – Ms. Della Valla thanked the PTO and the Whitney Board for the Kids Care Fair last weekend.
4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS
5. Old Business
 - A. Early Childhood Ed. Update
6. Instructional Issues
 - A. First Reading of Policies - Mr. Bradley made a motion to accept all for the first reading. Ms. Anzaldi seconded. **5-0-0**
 1. JECC – Admission of Nonresident Student of an Employee
 2. JFA – Tuition Policy
 3. JEBA - Enrollment Guidelines
 4. Personnel Policies for Principal
 5. Personnel Policies for Noncontracted Employees
 6. Personnel Policies for Contracted Employees
7. Consider Personnel Actions
 - A. Accept Retirement of Robert Kurtz, Bus Driver – Mr. Bradley made a motion to accept with regret, Ms. Fournier seconded. Mr. Dougherty thanked Mr. Kurtz for his years of service, his contributions, and spoke about how much he will be missed. **5-0-0**
 - B. Accept Retirement of Mark Blotner, Bus Driver – Ms. Della Valla made a motion to accept with regret, Mr. Bradley seconded. Mr. Dougherty spoke about Mr. Blotner's contributions, thanked him and spoke about and how much he will be missed. **5-0-0**

8. Business Affairs

A. FYI – 2018-19 Budget Status Report

B. Review Draft #1 of 2019-20 Proposed Budget – Mr. Dougherty reviewed the process. Mr. Richard went through the proposed budget items. Consider adding a family plan to health insurance budget in light of drivers retiring? The Board recommends removing the flooring tiles (\$25,000) from the budget. \$95,835 increase (\$46,000 Whitney Center siding, \$25,000 for flooring). The Board would like to remove both of these items from the operating budget, and pay for the siding from a trust fund. The tuition fund is specific to tuition. Changing the fund would require cancellation of the fund, putting it back, and starting a new fund. Mr. Bradley mentions combining the tuition and the special ed. fund. Current fund balances are \$109,000 for buses, \$117,000 for special education, \$74,000 for tuition trust fund, \$77,000 general maintenance trust, and \$45,000 for Whitney Maintenance. The Budget Committee recommends removing the flooring from the budget, and using the Whitney fund (\$40,000) to do the siding. That line will now be \$30,835. The Board feels that they should increase the insurance budget by \$6,500 to account for a family plan. The anticipated revenue was reviewed. Estimated tax rate information was reviewed. It was at a 13.89% increase, but that will be dropping due to budget cuts listed above.

C. Review Draft #1 of Proposed Warrant Articles – Mr. Dougherty took this opportunity to thank Becky Jefferson for all her years of service, and efforts and support on the budgeting. Ms. Della Valla seconded that sentiment.

Article one has to be the preschool. Mr. Bradley made a motion to remove the preschool article. Ms. Della Valla seconded. Mr. Bradley supports preschool, but this is not the time nor place, and in light of the budget increases, he does not feel that it is appropriate to ask for another \$120,000 at this time. Mr. Dougherty spoke about not having the space to support the preschool. Ms. Della Valla would like to keep the momentum for the preschool going, and would like to be sure that it is done right, rather than to just get it done. Ms. Anzaldi agrees that she does want the preschool in the town, but does not feel that it would be best to place it in the current school building. She would like to have a committee in January to revisit the preschool plan. Mr. Dougherty agrees that there should be a committee tasked with locating the appropriate space. Ms. Della Valla and Mr. Dougherty can meet with the Selectmen and come back to this Board with a report in January. Ms. Anzaldi is interested in this project also. Audience comments: Tim is interested in understanding what the long term needs are around the school facilities. Mr. Dougherty spoke about the potential security issues with locating the preschool off campus. Mijka would like the Board to find a way to publicly share the Board's reasoning for removing the preschool from the warrant. Ms.

Fournier stated that she feels this issue is not dead. Emily encourages at least one of the Board to participate in the SAU 9 Leadership Team. Peter expressed his frustration about this conversation sounding the same as it did five years ago. He is very disappointed with the lack of direction and the lack of progress. He feels that there are many disenfranchised voters. He suggests having a nonbinding article that continues supporting the effort. Sasha hopes that all the information will be clear when it comes back again.
4-0-1 Ms. Fournier abstained. Boost Special Ed to \$25,000. The articles will add \$69,000.

9. Administrators' Reports

- A. Superintendent – The next meeting is on a Tuesday night due to the holiday on the 21st. The SAU Study Committee is meeting January 3rd at 5:30 at Conway Professional Development Center – reviewing tuition contracts, how a cooperative looks. The Executive Board meets February 14th.
- B. Principal -

10. Citizen Comments – Emily spoke kindly about Bob and Mark.

11. Board Member Issues -- Board Discussion/Committee Reports – Ms. Della Valla and either Ms. Anzaldi or Mr. Dougherty will meet with Selectmen regarding preschool.

- A. Set Date for Next Meeting (Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm)

12. Signing of Manifest

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

14. Adjourn – Ms. Della Valla made a motion to adjourn at 5:44 pm, Ms. Fournier seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary