

JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD
Monday, October 19, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Remote Location: <https://zoom.us/j/91608893818?pwd=TzQ2TkxCeGYvbXZMZHovcWI4bjZtdz09>

Join by Phone: 1-929-205-6099 US (New York) - Meeting ID: 916 0889 3818 - Passcode: 886696

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Genn Anzaldi at 6 pm.
Present are: Genn Anzaldi, Jerry Dougherty, Kate Fournier, Majka Burhardt, Kevin Richard – Superintendent, Gayle Dembowski-Principal, Frank Benesh, Darlene Ference, John Stokke, Mike Dufilho

Salute to the Flag - skipped

PUBLIC HEARING on Expenditure of CARES Act Funds - Mr. Richard gave the background information for this item. Jackson received \$9808.78 . He outlined what it was used for. The purpose of the hearing is to be able to expend that money, and be able to ask for more.

2. Approve Minutes (9-21-20) - Mr. Dougherty made a motion to approve, Ms. Fournier seconded.

Genn Anzaldi – yes

Jerry Dougherty – yes

Kate Fournier – yes

Majka Burhardt - yes

3. Citizen Comments - none

4. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS - none

5. Old Business

A. Tuition Contract (High School) - Candidates are lined up and will be sent to Mr. Richard. Sacha Tracy and Jessica Debow are interested. Jerry Dougherty will be the Board member that will be on the committee.

B. Interview School Board Candidates - there are two people who are interested. Darlene Ference and Mike Dufilho are the candidates.
Ms. Anzaldi asked about experience with school boards. Ms. Ference was a teacher since 1972. She served as the teacher to the Board of Education for three years. Mike does not have any direct experience with a school board, but has been in education for 20 years. He has three children at JGS. Ms. Anzaldi reviewed the time commitments required of Board members. Mike and Darlene both feel that they are able to make the commitment. Ms. Fournier spoke about her experience with the time commitment that is required. Flexibility of meetings has been beneficial in her situation. With that information shared, she asked the candidates what other commitments they have. Mike is on the Conservation Commission and also has a full time job. Darlene was President of the MWV Kiwanis, but that commitment has ended. She is also a CASA, so there is a time commitment with that. She is retired, and has time available for the Board. Ms. Burhardt thanked both candidates.

Ms. Fournier seconded that sentiment.

Ms. Burhardt asked if they are interested in a longer term than just the temporary seat. Darlene does anticipate being on the election ballot in March. Mike was planning on being a temporary fill in. He withdrew his candidacy. He is a contractor for the school as well, and asked if that would be an issue. There is potential that he would need to recuse himself from time to time but there is no issue. Mr. Dougherty thanked both candidates. Darlene is also a library trustee, and has been through the election process. The intimidation went away once she got through the first election.

Mr. Dougherty made a motion to appoint Darlene Ference as a Jackson School Board member, Ms. Anzaldi seconded.

Genn Anzaldi – yes

Jerry Dougherty – yes

Kate Fournier – yes

Majka Burhardt - yes

6. Instructional Issues

A. First Reading of Policies - Mr. Dougherty made a motion, Ms. Fournier seconded.

1. ABA - Community Involvement - this is not a policy that Jackson had before. Mr. Dougherty is opposed to this policy. He is concerned with the wording about advice from the public. The Board supports not opting to have this policy. The motion to move this item forward is voted to the negative. This will not move forward.

Genn Anzaldi – no

Jerry Dougherty – no

Kate Fournier – no

Majka Burhardt - no

2. BA - School Board Self-evaluation and Goal Setting - Mr. Dougherty made a motion to move this forward to second reading, Ms. Fournier seconded. Mr. Dougherty has developed a deeper version of this. He will forward it to Ms. Anzaldi and Mr. Richard.

Genn Anzaldi – yes

Jerry Dougherty – yes

Kate Fournier – yes

Majka Burhardt - yes

7. Consider Personnel Actions

A. FYI - Appointment of Holly Reed as Long-term Substitute Teacher

B. Increase Hours of Food Service Employee - Ms. Dembowski spoke about the reason for this. Two servings of lunch are being done. An extra hour is being required. Mr. Dougherty made a motion to approve.

Genn Anzaldi – yes

Jerry Dougherty – yes

Kate Fournier – yes

Majka Burhardt - yes

8. Business Affairs

- A. FYI - 2020-21 Budget Status Report
- B. Request Approval of \$9,000 Withdrawal from Whitney Maintenance Trust Fund - Mr. Dougherty made a motion to approve the request, Ms. Fournier seconded.
Genn Anzaldi – yes
Jerry Dougherty – yes
Kate Fournier – yes
Majka Burhardt - yes
- C. Signing of Letter to Trustee of Trust Funds - Mr. Dougherty made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter, Ms. Fournier seconded.
Genn Anzaldi – yes
Jerry Dougherty – yes
Kate Fournier – yes
Majka Burhardt - yes

Mr. Dougherty feels it would be smart to meet with the Selectmen/Trustee beforehand. Lilli should be involved as well.

9. Administrators' Reports

- A. Superintendent
 - 1. Cooperative School District Planning Committee - Candidates are lined up and will be sent to Mr. Richard. Sacha Tracy and Jessica Debow are interested. Jerry Dougherty will be the Board member that will be on the committee.

- 2. Audit Engagement Letter - this is from the auditing company. The rate is not changing.

Mr. Richard updated on the Covid response. The communication of information is a key item. Accurate information is critical. The travel quarantine requires that you will be out for 14 days regardless of test results if you travel out of the New England area. Carroll County is in relatively good shape with Covid numbers. We are at 1.2 cases per 100,000 today. The quarantining piece is about if you have symptoms or if you are with someone who has a positive result, you need to quarantine. Ms. Dembowski has been questioned about parents who are travelling. The nurse is making sure that all people are receiving the same information.

Ms. Dembowski has been in contact with people regarding skiing. There are no answers at this time.

- B. Principal

- 1. Request to Donate Retired Technology to JBES- Ms. Dembowski commended the technology at the school. The school has some

technology in the basement that may be useful at the Bartlett School. An inventory will be done. Mr. Dougherty made a motion to donate the retired technology to the Josiah Bartlett School, Ms. Anzaldi seconded.

Genn Anzaldi – yes

Jerry Dougherty – yes

Kate Fournier – yes

Majka Burhardt - yes

10. Board Member Issues

A. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee - covered earlier in meeting

B. Board Discussion - Mr. Dougherty spoke about the Facility Committee. He has spoken with Jim Hill, who will coordinate a meeting of the committee. Ms. Burhardt hopes to have a better report next month. The Social Justice Committee at the SAU level is about speaking up and making a change in that moment. For example, saying Selectboard instead of Selectmen.

Ms. Fournier asked if someone else could sign the manifest tonight. Regarding ESSC, she wondered about why the groups are gender specific. This was clarified.

C. Set Date for Next Meeting (November 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm)

D. Appointment of Board Member to Replace Keith Bradley - done earlier in meeting

E. Committee Assignments - there are vacancies -Friends of the Whitney Center have commented that they would like a member. Jerry will join budget. Darlene will be assigned to the Whitney committee.

11. Citizen Comments

12. Signing of Manifest

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

14. Adjourn – Mr. Dougherty made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm, Ms. Anzaldi seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary