

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Oxbow High School

DRAFT MINUTES

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The following were present: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Shannon Darrah, Scott MacPhee, School Board; Melanie Elliott, OESU HR/Business office

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda approved with amendments.

MINUTES REVIEW: MOTION: (Acker/MacPhee) moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 Board meeting as amended (Buttrey abstained; unanimous approval).

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ORDERS: MOTION: (Acker/MacPhee) moved/seconded to approve accounts payable order # 6334 (unanimous approval).

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE: Darrah reported receipt of an email from a member of the public, Dexter Tilden, asking why the list of staff was not published in the school report last year. Darrah responded by explaining the new format for the school report and an effort to minimize space. Staff information is available on the website. The board received a letter from special educator, Jennifer Clogston, with her intent to retire after 16 years at TES effective June 30, 2018. Her retirement will be formally accepted at the OESU meeting because TES special educators are now OESU employees. Any new special educator will be hired on the OESU salary grid. Darrah presented a letter from guidance counselor, Sara Bailey, informing the board she intends to begin a maternity leave on April 4 until the end of the school year, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Darrah has not spoken with Petrone about plans to cover Bailey's absence.

DISCUSS PLAN FOR PRE-TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: This is scheduled for February 27 at 7pm at TES. The Board agreed an additional meeting is not necessary. Discussion followed regarding how to advertise. The Valley News has contacted Darrah for proposed budget information. Buttrey suggested inviting Representatives Masland and Briglin. Briglin is not available. The school report went to the designer today. Acker will electronically distribute it ASAP. Discussion followed regarding what points to highlight, including class sizes, the tax worksheet, factors that TTSD can not control, specific staff cuts, the deficit article, income sensitivity and secondary school spending. At town meeting, the school will present first starting at 9 a.m. Acker spoke with moderator, Mark McMahon, who indicated the Town has a large agenda for town meeting. This is McMahon's last year as moderator. Sarah Martel is on the ballot for moderator. Downey is running again for school board.

Discussion followed regarding the timing of printing and mailing of the school report. Acker reported the mail center service is booked. She has asked Ben Merrill if their printer can apply the labels, otherwise a labeling party will be planned. February 20 will be held for a possible board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Para-educator negotiations): MOTION: (Buttrey/MacPhee) moved/seconded to go into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss para-educator negotiations, the premature dissemination of which may place the Board at a substantial disadvantage. Out of executive session at 6:45 p.m. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: (Buttrey/MacPhee) moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. (unanimous approval).

FUTURE MEETINGS:

2/20/18	Thetford Town School District Meeting (tentative)	6:30 p.m.
2/27/18	Thetford Town School District Pre-Town Informational Meeting	7:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Amy Bosco, Minutes Clerk

These minutes are not official until approved by the School Board.