

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, June 26, 2018
Thetford Elementary School

DRAFT MINUTES

Shannon Darrah convened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.. The following were present: Charlie Buttrey, Shannon Darrah, Kristen Downey (7:10pm), School Board; Sandra Stanley, OESU Interim Superintendent

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brent Mellon, Tracy Borst, Jean Graber

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda approved with amendments.

MINUTES REVIEW: MOTION: (Buttrey/Downey) moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Board meeting as amended (unanimous approval).

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ORDERS: MOTION: (Darrah/Buttrey) moved/seconded to approve accounts payable order # 6517 and payroll orders 6518, 6507 and 6501 (unanimous approval).

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSS PRINCIPAL SEARCH FOR 18-19: Barrett Williams has declined the offer as Interim Principal. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the principal search committee would come back together and look first at candidates that had already applied to see if there were any viable candidates who had not already been interviewed. The search could possibly be re-opened. Darrah to contact Kevin Petrone to see if he could be kept on through the month of July to keep things running in hopes of having someone in place no later than the first of August. Stanley will let the incoming superintendent know of our situation.

BIKE PATH DISCUSSION: Brent Mellon came to meet with the board about the possibility of constructing a bike path at TES. He stated that a bunch of parents are interested in this. Norwich has a mountain biking program after school and there is another one in the Upper Valley. There seems to be interest here. Norwich has a path at Huntley Meadow. Brent showed the board some pictures of the structures that are on such a path and a very preliminary design. There was some concern with the proximity to the soccer fields and how that would work when games were being played and so forth. Brent said they intended to pay for the trail with grants and donations. Some easements may be required from abutting landowners which the school would need to get. There was discussion regarding who would be responsible for maintenance. The board is in favor of trying to make this happen. It was decided to have a walkthrough of the actual trail at the July 11th meeting. The meeting would start at 6:30pm so it would allow time to actually walk on the

proposed trail. This path may also have some impact on the parking lot project so Darrah will try to find out the status of plans for that. This will be a continuing discussion.

SCHOOL TREASURER/TAN NOTE AND BRIDGE LOAN: Tracy Borst was introduced as the new Town Treasurer and will also function as the school treasurer. Discussion ensued as to what her role would be with regard to the school budget. It would not differ from what Jill used to do. Mostly writing checks. Both parties agreed to keep in touch as to workload and if the need for additional support should arise.

MOTION: (Buttrey/Downey) to Authorize the board to sign the Bridge Loan in the amount of \$120,000 from Community Bank. Unanimous approval.

MOTION: (Buttrey/Downey) to Authorize the board to sign the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,046,734 with Community Bank. Unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Principal Search - Personnel): MOTION: (Buttrey/Downey) moved/seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss the Principal Search/Personnel. Out of executive session at 8:52 pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION (Buttrey/Downey) moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. (unanimous approval).

FUTURE MEETINGS:

07/10/18	OESU Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
07/11/18	Thetford Town School District Meeting	6:30 p.m.
08/07/18	OESU Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
08/14/18	Thetford Town School District Meeting	7:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Shannon Darrah, Board Chair

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