

Wentworth School Board
Tuesday Nov 28, 2017
Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell, Kathleen Springham-Mack

Administration Present: Kyla Welch, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Rossner, Business Administrator
Joe Sampson, Principal

Public Present: Jeff Ames Deb Gelsi Chris Bassingthwaite Barbara
Archibald Rick Farrell Makenzie Farrell

4:00 p.m. The School Board went into non-public session for purpose of
personnel

4:07 p.m. Kevin Kay opened public session and made a motion to approve the
contracts for the following support staff: Keri Bassingthwaite, Running Club and
Mike Mandeville, Basketball

Motion: Kevin Kay Second: Melisa Farrell All in Favor

Agenda Review and Disposition:

Minutes of October 16, 2017 meeting were approved by the board.

Motion: Melisa Farrell Second: Kathleen Mack All in Favor

Superintendents Report: Mrs. Welch reported that they are working on SAU
budget, there is some loss of Revenue at State level, but the SAU budget is
stable. All staffing is good. We are looking at different pieces.

Mrs. Welch explained that there is an infrastructure grant for new fire alarm
system. Discussion followed

Principal's Report

Building in great shape **Principal's Report 11/28/17**

1. **Enrollment** 55

2. **Safety:**

a. November Drill:

b. Student Relocation to Warren school.

i. Working closely with Chief Ames to get a written policy put
together.

ii. Warren if planning to reciprocate

2. Building:

a. Plowing/Town all set (They sanded the other day)

b. Building is in great shape.

2. Sports:

- a. Basketball has started!
 - i. The boys coach, Mike Mandeville, would like to invite one of his friends who also formerly played basketball to help with his practices. Becca Crane, senior at PRHS, is also going to volunteer to help out during practices.
 - ii. First game against Thornton on Tuesday the 5th.

2. Students:

- a. Students have been busy will LOTS of school activities/groups.
 - i. Running Club - 45+ kids attended
 - i. Peer Leaders - Planned multiple events at school!
 - ii. NJHS - Helped w/ running club, collected 266 food items and raised money for Hurricane relief.
 - iii. Gen Yes - Helping students and staff with Tech needs/questions
 - iv. Writers Club - 17 students are writing after school 2x a week and are building a literary magazine for publication!
 - v. 6th graders were featured in the newspaper for their Field Trip in October w/Ray Youngs connected to their Hatchet Novel.
 - b. Planetarium Field Trip!
 - c. MS students are now reading a Christmas Carol in preparation for their trip to Manchester to watch the play!
 - d. 8th graders have already raised over 6 thousand dollars!

2. Staff

- a. Mike Mandeville, our PSU intern, is our new BBall coach!! THE kids really respond to his demeanor!
 - b. Patti Malone, one of our paras, is running the writing club!
 - c. Chris is planning our next after school club, ART
 - d. Sarah and Patti are also planning to put on a production!

2. Community Shout Out!

- Ray Youngs - Field Trip with 6th
- Keri Basingthwaite - Running Club
- 8th Grade parents - Fundraising efforts! 6k!

1. Past events:

- a. Parent Teacher Conferences 19th
 - Fall Festival
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - Thanksgiving Dinner/Turkey Trot
 - Vets Lunch

1. Upcoming Events:

- a. Winter Concert
- b. Caroling at Glenclyff
- c. Palace theatre with MS
- d. Winter Program
- e. NJHS Induction Thursday!

Discussion items:

The issue of **Tae Kwon Do** no longer using the school's gym for practice and to store equipment.

Deb Gelsi questioned the use of the term "non profit" for Tae Kwon DO. She went on to point out that she doesn't believe Tae Kwon Do is making any money They help kids who can't afford uniform. She emphasized that *this group has*

been part of this town and school for 15 years. Students learn self-defense, respect. She would like the board to reconsider letting Tae Kwon Do back into the school.

Discussion followed over insurance policy, space, etc. Barbara Archibald also came to speak on Tae Kwon Do and was in favor of keeping it at school. She asked what does it cost the school for them to use the gym? **The Board will take it under consideration.**

Budget Draft #1 Draft #1 was handed around for consideration. Mrs Welch went over each line item and discussed proposed budget for 2018-2019 year. Discussion with board explaining any differences followed.

Privilege of the Floor:

Chris Bassingthwaite Selectman pointed out that taxes for all homeowners went up and there will be some resistance to any large requests for money.

A Motion from floor to increase School Board to \$1000 each with additional \$250 for Chair. Discussion followed and Mrs Welch agreed to add it to revised 2018-2019 year School Budget, Draft 2 to be voted on.

Consent Items

1. Claims and Payroll No
2. Correspondence No correspondence items.

Nonpublic Session (RSA 01-A:.3) (Exclusive allowable purposes are: personnel issues, nominations and hiring, reputation sale or acquisition of property, litigation; 91-A:2 (non-meetings) consultant with legal counsel or negotiations; 91-A:5 student records or information deemed confidential, personal or invasion of privacy.)

Meeting ended: 5:30
Future Meetings: 12/18

Respectfully Submitted: Martha E. Morrill

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