

Wentworth Elementary School Board
Monday, January 8, 2018

Members in Attendance: Kyla Welch - Assistant Superintendent, Dan Rossner - Business Administrator, Joe Sampson - Principal, Kevin Kay - School Board Chair, Kathleen Mack - School Board, Melisa Farrell - School Board, Kristin Robidoux - Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies teacher, 1 member of the public.

4:02 Kathleen Mack motioned to open public session, seconded by Kevin Kay

Agenda Review and Disposition:

- Dan Rossner proposed adding Audit to the agenda.
- Motion to accept minutes from November made by Kevin Kay, Seconded by Kathleen Mack. All in favor

Superintendent's Report, Kyla Welch::

- SAU has been busy with cold weather and school closings.
 - Jon Francis has been working hard to make sure the buildings are ok in the cold weather.
 - Discussion
 - Snow Day calls, thought there was a bad call
 - Kyla talks to road agents, bus companies
 - 2 hour delay should have been a day off, roads were still bad
- Also, busy during budget season.
 - All else is good.

Principal's Report, Joseph Sampson

1. Enrollment 55
2. Safety:
 - a. Propane leak evacuation went very smooth
 - i. Debriefed students in MM and staff after school
 - ii. No calls from parents with complaints or concerns
 - b. Elert Drill coming mid January
 - i. Training staff to follow
 - ii. Drill next Tuesday
 - c. Kevin Patten cleared the path to Patten's Auto for a walk away drill. We will perform that drill this week now that the weather has improved.
 - i. *Go bin with blankets and other first aid supplies will live in Patten's Auto shop for us to access in the case there is an emergency and we need to keep kids warm and comfortable.
3. Building:
 - a. Kevin Patten has started clearing snow for us.

- b. Kevin Gilbert is doing snow removal from town and working well.
- 4. Sports:
 - a. Girls and boys off to good start.
 - i. Girls 3-1, Boys 0-4
 - b. January is mostly away games. The teams travel to Campton and Thornton this week!
- 5. Students
 - a. Very busy with clubs
 - i. Art
 - ii. Writing (Finished)
 - iii. Generation Yes
 - 1. 70% (About 40 kids) of students have participated in one or more clubs after school.
 - 2. Last year we had about 2-6 kids stay nightly for HW Club.
 - b. Kids and staff decorated the school! Its beautiful
 - c. Kids and staff prepared so well for their all school song, It went great!!!
- 6. Staff
 - a. Art club goes through January with Chris Misavage
 - b. Patti Malone is going to offer a round two for Writing Club in February
 - c. Chris Misavage is doing a STEM camp in March
 - d. Sarah Cormiea and Amber Comtois are doing a spring musical production camp in April
- 7. Community Shout Out!
 - a. Deep Davis brought in lunch for all staff before break!
 - b. Karla Chirichetti for supplying desks and school supplies from PSU
 - c. Ida Hutchins and the Grange for donating toys and blankets for Secret Santa.
 - d. PTO - Purchased a refrigerator for the teachers and community events as well as 5 turkeys for families in need over the holiday break!
 - e. Peabody Smith Realty - Sponsored 18 students for the holidays who were in need of assistance
 - f. Top Gun Gymnastics stopped by with a 25 dollar donation for the holidays
 - g. CCI Construction donated \$700 to support kids for the holidays and other activities where support is needed.
- 8. Past Events
 - a. Caroling at Glencliff
 - b. The middle school went to the Palace Theatre to see "A Christmas Carol"
 - c. NJHS Induction
 - d. Holiday Concert
- 9. Upcoming Events
 - a. Basketball games!!!
 - b. Winter Program
 - c. Wild Game Dinner! January 20th 5:30PM

Discussion Items:

Budget Draft :

- Page 2 - Line 50 error: printed as 7500, should be 750 = 6750 savings.
- Page 7 School Board salaries increased
- Page 12 Oil prices went down 18,000 for next year.
- In total we are down 60k from last year's budget
- Budget - Board
 - Motion to add \$50 dollars to the moderator's pay bringing the total to \$200.
 - Question from Kathleen: Water Testing Line 267. How often are we tested?
 - School will follow up with answer.
- New Revenue
 - Kindergarten Aid (1100 per student) "Kenogarten"

Warrant articles:

- Fire Alarm project
 - The updated total price went down to 55k
 - The state will cover 40% of whatever the final price is.
 - 22k will be covered by the grant, 25k will be covered by our capital reserve.
 - If the total is larger, we will cover the additional amount with unencumbered funds.
- Kyla Welch asks that the board votes to accept these articles and budget unless there are any questions.
- Motion to recommend Article #3 to the public. Motion by Kathleen Mack, seconded by Kevin Kay.

There was a motion to accept warrant articles and budget by Kevin Kay, seconded by Melisa Farrell at 4:35 p.m,

Audit - Dan Rossner

- Zero findings, School Board chair signs report
- Consider signing tonight
- School board has copy of draft

Budget hearing - Kyla Welch

- Feb 8th at 6pm

Tax revenue questions regarding the shortfall in revenue from public - George Merrill

- Clarification from Dan Rossner regarding reduction in catastrophic aid/foundation aid from state.
- Positive revenue source, Kenogarten.
- Questions about creating a special education Capital Reserve

- Other school districts in our SAU have Special Education Capital Reserve accounts
- The other negative toward revenue would be the school choice bill.
 - We would lose \$3500.00 per student
 - Private schools, parochial schools, other public schools and homeschool students.

Privilege of the Floor:

Kristin Robidoux honored by Joe Sampson for her strong start to the school year as the new Language Arts/Social Studies teacher for Middle School.

4:49 - Motion to adjourn by Kevin Kay, seconded by Melisa Farrell

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Sampson