

**Waitsfield Elementary Board of School Directors
September 19, 2016 Meeting Notes
6:30 p.m. Waitsfield School Library**

Attending: Christine Sullivan, Jeremy Gulley, Jonathon Goldhammer, Eve Frankel (6:50 p.m. arrival)

School staff attending: Kaiya Korb

CALL TO ORDER: Christine called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Additions and Edits to Agenda: Kaiya asked that board meeting schedule be added to the agenda.

Jeremy asked that there be follow-up regarding representation on the negotiations process.

DISCUSSION

Audience and Written Communication: There was none.

Negotiations Question: Jeremy left the last meeting with the impression that there was a need to have representation in the negotiations process. However, after the last HUUSD meeting, he understood that perhaps each board did not need to have representation. Jeremy offered that he would be interested, should there be a need. He did indicate that he would not be able to attend the first identified negotiations meeting, but is willing to serve this role for our board.

Jeremy wondered if there would be any trainings on negotiations available. Christine suggested that the VSBA training on October 12 at the HUUSD meeting might be a place to start.

ACTION

Approval of August 25, 2016 meeting minutes: Jonathon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Jeremy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Food Service Agreement: Christine wondered about the language regarding reimbursement to Waitsfield School in August of 2017, when Waitsfield School will no longer be a functioning entity. Kaiya will follow up on this question with Michelle Baker and bring a revised agreement back to the board.

Board Order: Jonathon moved the approval of warrant # 1036 in the amount of \$54,464.77. Christine seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Jonathon requested the acceptance for pre-approved warrant #1029 in the amount of \$13,078.41 . Christine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule: Kaiya queried regarding maintaining the established school board meeting schedule. Some other boards, such as Waterbury/Duxbury, have decreased the frequency of their meetings. We identified the following topics for further meetings: universal preschool, community counsels, sbac results, food service agreement.

If we feel a board meeting will be 30 minutes or less, Eve suggested we should consider a morning meeting..

The consensus was that as long as there are outstanding board items, we should continue to meet, but anticipate that there may be fewer meetings as the year progresses.

REPORTS

Principal's Report: Kaiya shared updates from the beginning of the school year. The artist residency is beginning, working with Eddie Merma on constructing a playhive and Palo Coleman on building with bamboo. Both residencies are exploring building/construction as an art and will result in installments around the new path. There will be an opening ceremony for the new path at Open House.

Staff have been further exploring the SBAC results. Our first impression that perhaps there is a mismatch of curriculum and the standards assessed on the test, but after further exploration, we're not sure that is the case. We are continuing to examine the scores, keeping in mind that trending data is considered statistically significant only after 3 years (and we only have 2 years of data). A presentation regarding the SBAC scores will be made to the board later this fall.

HUUSD/ WWSU EC report: The group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, with the exception of November. There is a tentative schedule for fall work, including training for the budget process and roles and responsibilities. They will also be beginning the budgeting process soon. The HUUSD annual meeting will be held the Monday before town meeting in March 2017.

A few working sub-groups have been established including negotiations, communications, policy and facility.

Jeremy asked what the WES board's role will be in the budget process. We will continue to understand/explore that, but likely communication/advising is the primary role.

The meeting called to adjournment at 7:41 p.m.