

Woodford Town School District

Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting of 4 October 2017

Attending: Board Members Mark Tilley, Richard (Dick) Frantz, Mike Gahan; Principal Sandra Foster; Teacher Melissa Chancey; Superintendent Jim Culkeen; Safety Coordinator Vic Milani; Director of Human Resources Ed McTernan; Director of Finance and Operations Renee Gordon; Treasurer Gail Rutkowski; State Representative Bill Botzow

Called to Order: 3:02pm

Public Comments: introductions to SVSU members
Bill is looking forward to visit to Statehouse by the 4th and 5th graders

Financial:
Renee: Special Education funding arrived on Friday, budget now back in black.

Human Resources – Given by Ed McTernan: New Health Insurance Plans starting January 1, 2018. Keep rates same for now, look at contracts in future

Presentation: Woodford Emergency Operation Plan: Given by Vic Milani
Looked at 3 areas:
phone: plenty of phones in rooms: however lack of “all call” on phones:
ask the board to consider looking into either adding this feature or a PA system
entry: No secure perimeter:
door now locked
cameras: No cameras on site:
ask the board to consider perimeter cameras

Set protocols for all medium and high risk threats and hazards

Treasurer's Report: Dick moves to accept Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2017. Seconded by Mike. Aye vote unanimous.

Consent Agenda: Dick moved to approve. Seconded by Mike. Aye vote unanimous.

Policies: none

Facility Update:
Cheshire Cleaning: We can send a picture of issue and gets a quick response; so far, so good
Igniter failed on furnace, repaired by Suburban Propane
They suggested a cleaning next summer—not needed now
Health inspector visited; 96 as a score. Noted the back door needed (weather strip), glad we have a monthly pest control company.
Elevator inspector—passed the inspection, will return next July so elevator is inspected prior to school start.
Fire extinguishers and alarm sensors also inspected; all in good working order.
Prue Electric will inspect electrical alarm panels and emergency lights next Wednesday.
Pownal: Other issues on their plate; didn't make decision about bus yet. Will have emergency meeting today and board member Tammy will ask about it, if time permits.

Principal's Report: Given by Sandra Foster.
Attendance for September: 98%

Maps testing completed: Fastbridge nearly done

Maps has a new program geared at differentiated instruction for each student based on their map score; as a small school we have the opportunity to pilot this and share results with other schools

Thank you card for board—busy at the Big E and nice to have first time experiences of: circus; maple cotton candy; watching trained bears; chickens hatching; milking cow (plastic)
Woodford Tribune: news from students, for students

Montpelier trip for grades 4 and 5: State House and Museum of Vermont History October 12; Dick make motion trip, seconded by Mike. Aye vote unanimous.

Grades K-6: apple picking at Terry's Apple Orchard October 11 or 25, weather permitting, no additional funding as it will be a Wednesday. Dick make motion trip, seconded by Mike. Aye vote unanimous.

Superintendent's Report: Given by Jim Culkeen

Act 46 Update: Carousel meeting, Vote warned for November 7, 2017 by Woodford. Pownal has special meeting this evening to revote.
State Education Budget in dire situation, possible 8-10 cent tax increase for next year

Chair's Report: Given by Dick Frantz: Act 46- between rock and hard place: Articles of Agreement have been put together to protect Woodford School for next 7 years, could benefit us with school choice options.

Other:

Next Meeting November 1, 2017

FYI: Budget Status Report
SVSU Student Enrollment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 by general consent.
Melissa Chancey ~ 4October, 2017