

Woodford Town School District

Board of Directors

Minutes of the meeting Nov 7, 2018

Attending: Board members Mark Tilley, Mike Gahan, Dick Frantz, Principal Sandra Foster, Superintendent Jim Culkeen, Asst Superintendent Laura Boudreau

Meeting called to order 3 PM

No public present

Treasurer's report moved for approval by Frantz, 2nd Gahan, unanimous vote

Minutes of Oct 3 and Oct 12, 2018 moved for approval by Frantz, 2nd Gahan, vote unanimous

Warrants moved for approval Gahan, 2nd Frantz, unanimous vote

Principal's report: Sandy Foster

-Fall Festival completed

-Visit to statehouse and tour with Bill Botzow to include mechanics of legislative process, all commemorated in video provided by Derek Carson.

- Melissa Chancey medical update indicated she is doing well following procedure; all of us will keep her in our thoughts

-re substitute for Mrs. Chancey. No long term sub approved; so Mrs. Foster re-arranged her schedule to cover Mrs. Chancey's classroom.

-math working on "everyday objects"; 3rd & 4th working on interactive notebooks

-Pancake breakfast scheduled for Nov 22, 7:15- 8:30

-New flooring installed upstairs to replace aging carpet

-Need 2 field trips (over 75 miles) approved by board (Bronz Zoo, Nature's Classroom) Frantz moved to approve, Gahan 2nd; motion passed unanimously

Asst. Superintendent Boudreau presented annual overview, as required by state, of ESSA(Every Student Succeeds Act) and Vermont Accountability System.

Statistics in support of accountability effort to be available in January. A

continuous improvement plan is in place to include alignment of state and fed resources and support for our most vulnerable students. SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) test results compared to state results. Continuous improvement goals for grades 1-5 discussed as to academic proficiency in math, language arts, school climate, personalization, and staffing quality.

Mrs. Foster reported on Woodford School performance according to above metrics. Continuous improvement plan focuses on identified priority issues and action plans to address these issues. Emphasis on the above information is on taking a look at each “whole student”, including more than just academics.

Superintendent:

Jim reported that 2 days earlier he was informed by the state board that Arlington and Sunderland would be considered to merge with our SU. He has asked board members for comment. Searsburg and Readsboro are also being considered for inclusion. He indicated issues such as tax increases, contracts, adding staff, busing, etc would need scrutiny. The state has tapped board chairs and board clerks to be members of a transitional board as budgets, policies, etc are developed for such a merged district. As we are now in budget season, we expect to develop our own district budgets for next school year. Jim thinks the state board would be looking at merger implementation in 2020-2021.

Other: Mike has started a new job, which may affect his ability to attend Woodford meetings. Although he submitted a letter of resignation, others present felt he might wait to see how board timing might mesh with his work schedules, or whether he might be able to participate by conference call. Until such time as we can get better info, this board can function with 2 members. He withdrew his letter of resignation.

Meeting adjourned 3:59 PM by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Frantz, Clerk