

WOODFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the meeting Wed, 2 Jan 2019

Attending: Board members Mark Tilley, Dick Frantz, Principal Sandra Foster, Superintendent Jim Culkeen, Treasurer Gail Rutkowski

Mark opened the meeting at 3:02 PM

No public present.

Treasurer report dated 11-1-18 approved; motion Dick, 2nd Mark and a unanimous vote.

Consent agenda to include minutes from 5 December, 2018 and warrants moved for approval by Dick, 2nd Mark. Minutes amended to include warning for policy # 5180 Tobacco Prohibition. Amended minutes approved, and motion to approve consent agenda approved on unanimous vote.

Policies:

#5016 Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements moved to warn-Dick, 2nd Mark; warned by unanimous vote.

#7100 Board Member Education moved to adopt –Dick, 2nd Mark, unanimous vote.

Principal's report:

-Attendance 93%; Melissa has returned from medical leave, working back into a schedule.

-MAP testing and reading prompt testing will get a January review.

-At the break, plumbing repairs made to water fountain, toilet leaks, and art sink. Some painting prep completed.

-As part of the safety grant, Adams Lock will be looking at exterior camera(s) and exterior notification devices. Grant funds estimated at \$8,000.

-Asphalt paving, driveway; Renee working up- RFP for complete repaving. Facilities Director for MAU will be asked for his professional opinion on the project

Superintendent:

-A meeting is to be warned for organization of the transitional board for the newly merged Elementary district. A key consideration for this group will be to decide on the need for a study committee, necessary to amend articles in the agreement. Should any 2 boards desire a study committee, the action must move forward. This action may determine how many representatives each board will carry onto the transitional board. At this point, per the articles brought forward by the State Board, Woodford has 2 reps as do all the other boards in the merger. Articles produced by the original study committee gave Woodford 1 and Bennington 4. Bennington may petition to have 4 reps on the new board. Further discussion determined that Woodford should make no other move at this time, as 2 representatives serve Woodford well. Jim was unsure how any of this might happen.

Since a vote would have to be warned 30 days in advance, the timetable will be tight. A voting timetable may look like this:

Feb: Amendments, if any would be voted up or down

Mar : MAU budget at Town Meeting

May: New merged elementary budget vote

Dick moved and Mark seconded the following motion: Woodford will support the State Board Articles as presented, which include 2 representatives from each of 4 elementary districts. Motion passed unanimously.

All changes in articles must go back for public approval.

Organizational Board work will start with membership to include board chairs and board clerks, whose goals will be designating a Moderator and Clerk, determining a budget, and warning a vote for the Transitional board.

-With issues in such flux, it is recommended that individual town budgets be developed in time for Town Meeting, warnings needed by Jan 30 +/-.

Questions remaining:

-What will be printed in the Town Report?

-When/if informational meeting(s) will happen?

-What is status of Title search and Impact Aid designation?

Dick moved to hire a separate attorney to investigate title and Impact Aid. Jim will follow up on these two issues with the district attorneys and inform the board.

Dick withdrew the motion pending that follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Frantz, Clerk