

TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 @ 5:30 PM  
K.A. BRETT SCHOOL LIBRARY  
APPROVED MINUTES

Board members attending: Chairperson Jack Waldron, Kathi Padgett, Dennis Quinn

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Principal Ken Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jack Waldron called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Dennis Quinn to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular School Board Meeting & Public Hearing: 6-16-16: Motion by Kathi Padgett to approve the minutes, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously and the 6-16-16 minutes were approved and accepted.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Dennis Quinn to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

A. K. A. Brett School Principal's Report

PUBLIC INPUT: Dave Farley said he would have comments later on the 2.5% fund.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Calendar:

1. Next Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, 8-18-16 @ 5:30 PM.
2. SAU 13 Joint School Board Meeting: Tuesday, 8-16-16 @ 7:00 PM, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom, Freedom Elementary School.
3. NHSBA Right to Know Training Session: 8-24-16 in Concord.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A. Purchasing Vs. Leasing Chrome Books: Principal Ken Hawkins provided the board with information that he had received regarding six quotes on Chrome Books with and without insurance. This was reviewed by the board and discussion followed. Kathi Padgett said she would be in favor of purchasing rather than leasing, and Jack Waldron agreed with this. Jack said we've talked about parents buying insurance and we've talked about self-insuring, but we don't have an answer at this stage. The possibility was discussed of the devices being abused by students and requiring repair or replacing. Ken

said he would like to bring a plan to the school board in August to deal with this issue. Jack suggested going with the \$190 tablet without insurance. He said we need to look at the FY 17 budget and do an adjustment for \$18,000 for whichever one of these we decide on.

Motion by Kathi Padgett that it is the sense of the board that we think the purchase of the \$190 HP devices with no insurance totaling \$18,099.75 would be acceptable. Seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Suggested Committee Composition for Mission Statement: Ken said he will be forming a committee composed of two school board members (Helen Steele and Dennis Quinn), two or three parents, and two or three students in grades 6 to 8. Lou Goscinski suggested adding some community members, perhaps putting it on the website and exchange. Ken said we have a lot of volunteers coming in that he could ask. Jack said hopefully we will have this for September.
- C. Kindergarten/Para-Professional Discussion: Ken said at this point we have 14 kindergarten students coming in and he was hoping to be able to have someone for the beginning of school set aside for the whole year full time; maybe not the same person all day long, but moving people around the building. He said we have 9.5 paras under contract, which will be up to 10.5, and 12 in the budget; this will bring us up to 11.5.

Motion by Kathi Padgett that the board agrees with the principal's desire to have a full-time para assigned to the kindergarten, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Delayed Opening Discussion: Discussed. Ken stated his reasons for being in favor of the delayed openings.

Motion by Dennis Quinn that the board authorizes the administration to have 5 delayed openings in the coming school year for the purposes of professional development. Seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion was defeated unanimously.

STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Expense Report: In the board packet. There were no questions.
- B. Fund Balance Projection: The projected FY 16 end-of-year fund balance is \$278,492.49.
- C. 2.5% Contingency Fund Discussion (RSA 32:11 & RSA 198: 4-b Discussion): Jack Waldron said we were allowed to put money into a 2.5% contingency fund which could be used only for emergencies which were approved by the commissioner's

office, or could be returned to reduce taxes. He said we currently have no money in that fund, although we've been authorized to do that by the District Annual Meeting. He said we're ending up with much more than usual this year because we had a teacher retirement and a \$100,000 placement that went away. He said he was anticipating that next year we will be in a different situation and will have very little money to return to the town, and we want to level it out. He said we would like to find a compromise and put a partial amount of the 2.5% back and return the rest of it to the taxpayers. He advocated returning \$146,000 to the taxpayers and holding on to \$131,000 to use next year if we need to keep the amount relatively stable; that way tax increases and decreases are only dependent on revenues and expenses. Dave Farley disagreed with this, saying anything that would be helpful, would be helpful. Jack said we won't vote on this tonight, probably in August.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Residency Verification Process for Tamworth Freshmen & New Students Entering KHS: Superintendent Lou Goscinski said the board authorized the administration to come up with a process for residency verification. He said that he, Ken Hawkins, and Donna Ulitz have put together a good way to document what is going on. For information only. Dennis Quinn said he thought the appropriate RSAs should be added, and Kathi Padgett agreed with this. Ken Hawkins said this will apply to any new student coming in to the Brett School. He said Donna is looking at all the kids in the high school whom she will monitor to make sure it's accurate. Lou said he didn't think at this point we would make the kids do this every year.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: Dave Farley asked if there is a fuel oil contract yet for next year. Lou said we will be offering that up when Chuck Bates comes back next week.

NON PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Dennis Quinn to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) - (c), & RSA 91-A: II 1 (b), seconded by Kathi Padgett. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 7:05 PM.

Kathi Padgett - Aye  
Dennis Quinn - Aye  
Jack Waldron - Aye

The Ayes have it.

### A. Personnel Matters:

1. The superintendent said Ashley Duffy resigned after the last board meeting.

Motion by Kathi Padgett to accept the resignation of Ashley Duffy as a paraprofessional effective June 30, 2016. Seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The superintendent nominated Matt Krug for summer Tutor for Title I.

Motion by Kathi Padgett to hire Matt Krug for Tutor for Title I over the summer, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kathi Padgett to exit non-public session, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously and on a roll call vote the board exited non-public session at 7:10 PM:

Kathi Padgett - Aye  
Dennis Quinn – Aye  
Jack Waldron – Aye

The Ayes have it.

#### ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC

##### A. Announcements:

1. The board accepted the resignation of Ashley Duffy as a paraprofessional effective June 30, 2016.
2. The board approved the superintendent's nomination of Matt Krug for summer Tutor for Title I.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dennis Quinn to adjourn, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Tamworth School Board Meeting July 21, 2016  
Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Ambrose*

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Recording Secretary