

TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 @ 5:30 PM  
K.A. BRETT SCHOOL LIBRARY  
APPROVED MINUTES

Board members attending: Chairperson Jack Waldron, Kathi Padgett, Dennis Quinn, Helen Steele, Jen Westover

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Principal Ken Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jack Waldron called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular School Board Meeting 3-23-17: Motion by Helen Steele to approve the minutes of 3-23-17, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Helen Steele to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Jen Westover. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. K.A. Brett School Principal's Report
- B. KHS Principal's Report
- C. School Board Officers & Committee Assignments

GENERAL ITEMS

- A. Greenhouse Project: Hannah Fleishman, School Garden Coordinator: Ms. Fleishman discussed a grant application that was submitted to the Tamworth Foundation Grant Committee which proposed to build a moveable greenhouse at the K.A. Brett School. This proposed project was discussed by board members and questions were raised about various aspects of the proposal. Jack Waldron said he was concerned about the cost and said he would like to have Food Service Director Vicki Wasson included in the discussion. Superintendent Lou Goscinski suggested inviting Ms. Wasson to the next board meeting.

Motion by Helen Steele that the board is in support of having a moving greenhouse on school property, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: David Little from the Tamworth Foundation asked if grant applications should come through the principal. Jack Waldron said they should, and that any grant with serious impact on the school would need to go through the board as well. Heather Booska asked if the

process would be the same with regard to the PTA. Lou Goscinski said the process would be for the PTA to talk to the principal first and then to the foundation. Jack Waldron said the board would have to be in the position of accepting the money.

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

##### A. Calendar:

1. NHSBA Training: Wednesday, 5-3-17, 5:30-8:30 PM, Concord, NH.
2. Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, 5-18-17 @ 5:30 PM.
3. SAU 9 & 13 Joint Board Meeting: Thursday, 6-1-17 @ 6:00 PM, Conway Professional Development Center, KMS.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- A. The Turner Report: Jack Waldron said the Turner Report was done in 2010 and suggested that this report might be something to do periodically, perhaps in 10- year cycles. He suggested taking the existing report and checking off all the things we've done. It was noted that the report was reviewed in 2013 and could be updated from that time. Lou suggested getting the administrative team together in June to work on this. The board agreed.

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. FY 17 Expenditure Report: Business Administrator Chuck Bates reviewed the report, noting that the current projected balance is \$190,254.47. This was discussed. Chuck then noted that the projected FY 17 end-of-year fund balance is \$116,782.31. For informational purposes.

- B. Contract Extension for School District Auditors: Discussed.

Motion by Helen Steele to authorize a 5-year extension of the auditing contract, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously

- C. Update on Bid Notices: Flooring, Roof, & Lawn Maintenance: A bid summary sheet was handed out and reviewed. Bid summaries will be presented at the May board meeting. Lou Goscinski said we will need to have discussions with the joint board regarding payment for the roof work over the SAU office. Jack noted that our contract with the SAU includes office services and said we will have to get an estimate of how much of the roof is over the SAU office.

- D. Inter-District Contract for Review: Psychological Services. Discussed.

Motion by Kathi Padgett to approve the interdistrict staff-sharing agreement for psychological services, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. School Care Insurance Presentation: 5-1-17 here at Brett cafeteria. FYI.
- B. NHDOE Commissioner's Correspondence in Re: FY 16 Audit: Lou said this basically states that all is well. He said he wanted to commend the business office: Chuck Bates, Susan Wheeler, and Michael Wade. He said we are now on schedule with audits.
- C. Invitation to Attend Siemens Energy Audit Presentation at MES on May 1, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

## SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

### *Old Business*

- A. Assessment of Technology System: Jack Waldron said he and Dennis Quinn have met with the Tech Committee on this ongoing project and data is being collected looking at such things as resources and needs, security and privacy. This will be updated at the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: 6:50 PM: Motion by Helen Steele to enter non-public session to act upon a matter or matters referenced in the following provisions of RSA 91-A: 2, I & 91-A: 3, II (a), (b), & (c), seconded by Dennis Quinn. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session:

Kathi Padgett – Aye  
Dennis Quinn – Aye  
Helen Steele – Aye  
Jack Waldron – Aye  
Jen Westover - Aye

The Ayes have it.

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Principal Ken Hawkins, and Recording Secretary Patricia Ambrose.

- A. Personnel Matters: Superintendent Goscinski read a letter of resignation from Leslie Thurston, Library Media Specialist.

6:55 PM: Motion by Helen Steele to accept with regret the resignation of Library Media Specialist Leslie Thurston, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously: Kathi Padgett – Aye; Dennis Quinn – Aye; Helen Steele – Aye; Jack Waldron – Aye; Jen Westover – Aye.

B. Student Matters: Discussed.

7:00 PM: Motion by Helen Steele to waive the age of entrance requirement for kindergarten, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously: Kathi Padgett – Aye; Dennis Quinn – Aye; Helen Steele – Aye; Jack Waldron – Aye; Jen Westover – Aye.

C. Letter of Employment: Legal Correspondence: Discussed.

7:04 PM: Motion by Dennis Quinn to approve the proposed new contract for hourly employees, seconded by Kathi Padgett. Discussion ensued.

7:22 PM: Motion by Kathi Padgett to table the above motion, seconded by Helen Steele. The motion passed unanimously: Kathi Padgett – Aye; Dennis Quinn – Aye; Helen Steele – Aye; Jack Waldron – Aye; Jen Westover – Aye.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION 7:26 PM: Motion by Helen Steele to return to public session, seconded by Kathi Padgett. On a roll call vote the board returned to public session:

Kathi Padgett – Aye  
Dennis Quinn – Aye  
Helen Steele – Aye  
Jack Waldron – Aye  
Jen Westover - Aye

The Ayes have it.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A. Announcements: The board accepted with regret the resignation of Library Media Specialist Leslie Thurston. The board agreed to waive the age of entrance requirement for kindergarten. The board discussed contract issues.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jen Westover to adjourn, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Ambrose*

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary