

TAMWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 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, Student Services Director Maria Dreyer, Principal Ken Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER: Superintendent Lou Goscinski called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTIONS: The board was introduced.

SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZATION

A. Selection of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson:

Chairperson: Jack Waldron

Motion by Helen Steele to nominate Jack Waldron as chairperson, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair: Helen Steele

Motion by Dennis Quinn to nominate Helen Steele as vice chair, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

B. School Board Committee Assignments:

NHSBA Delegate: Deferred

Manifest Signing: Committee as a whole

Moderator: Margaret Reiser

Clerk: Peggy Johnson

Policy Committee: Helen Steele and Kathi Padgett

Tech Committee: Dennis Quinn

Budget Committee: As needed

SAU 13/9 area Joint Board: Committee as a whole

Negotiations Committee: Not needed this year

Security Committee: Deferred

Motion by Helen Steele to approve the recommended slate, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Helen Steele to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathi Padgett. One item was added under the Superintendent's Report, "B. 2017-2018 School Calendar." One item was added under School Board Business, "B. Drew Fund Update." With these additions, the agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular School Board Meeting & Public Hearing 2-9-17: Motion by Helen Steele to approve the minutes of 2-9-17, seconded by Kathi Padgett. There was a word change under the discussion of the warrant articles: "reaction" was changed to "reduction." With this change the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

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
- B. KHS Principal's Report
- C. Minutes of Tamworth School District Meeting 3-8-17

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- A. Calendar:
  - 1. SAU #13 School Board Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2017 @ 7:00 PM, Freedom Elementary School, Art Room.
  - 2. Regular School Board Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017 @ 5:30 PM (Note: School Vacation Week 4-17 to 4-21-17).
  - 3. Wednesday, May 3, 2017: Orientation for new board members in Concord @ 5:30 PM.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: In the board packet.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Business Administrator Chuck Bates was not present for the meeting.

- A. Expense Report: The FY 16/17 Tamworth Expenditures Report was handed out by Superintendent Lou Goscinski, who pointed out that on page 5, under Grand Totals, there was a remaining balance of \$185,411.13 due to savings in special education placement and census changes to health care. He noted that there were boxes around major items. The superintendent said there will be future discussions about what to do with the balance.

## B. CIP Bids:

- Lawn Mowing/Grounds Maintenance: Lou said we are happy with our current provider but would like to go out to bid this year.

Lou said these have been included in the FY 17/18 budget and we would like to get these projects completed this year:

- Roof replacement for SAU/Kindergarten wing.
- Asbestos abatement/VCT flooring for Kindergarten classroom.
- Surface repair/VCT flooring for front hall.

Motion by Helen Steele to authorize the administration to request bids for the above projects as presented, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously.

- MS-22 for Signatures: Signed by the board.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. NH RSA 189:14-a: April Deadline Date for Teacher Notification in Re: Re-nomination or Re-election: The superintendent said all professional staff will be notified by April 15 whether or not they are going to be invited back.
- B. 2017-2018 School Calendar: Lou said this has been presented to the union. He pointed out the days when the Conway calendar differs from this one.

Motion by Kathi Padgett to accept the 2017-2018 School Calendar as proposed, seconded by Helen Steele. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

### *New Business*

- A. Assessment of Technology System: Jack Waldron said as follow-up from the ransomware incident this year we are proposing to hire an IT consulting firm to evaluate our entire technology system. Helen Steele said we should do anything we can to make it as secure as possible. Dennis Quinn commented that it is just a good idea to see what our system looks like. Kathi Padgett had a question about the cost, and Jack Waldron said we will do a Request for Proposal (RFP) to get some estimates. Superintendent Goscinski requested that board members put their thoughts in writing. Jack Waldron said we could bring the board's thoughts to the Tech Committee when they meet, and Lou Goscinski said that would help him in terms of putting the RFP together. He said if any board members had specific questions, please e-mail them to Ken next week.
- B. Drew Fund Update: Jack Waldron said research of historical documents resulted in the discovery that there actually was a Drew School; the school's first report was dated May

1926. He said nothing was found on the fund itself, but he is continuing to search in hopes of having information on the fund turn up somewhere.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION 6:30 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, Student Services Director Maria Dreyer, Principal Ken Hawkins, and Recording Secretary Patricia Ambrose.

A. Personnel Matters:

1. The superintendent presented his recommendations for staff nominations. He noted that two are not on the list and they have been notified.

6:40 PM: Motion by Kathi Padgett to accept the superintendent's recommendations for staff nominations for 2017-2018, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously: Kathi Padgett, Aye; Dennis Quinn, Aye; Helen Steele, Aye; Jack Waldron, Aye; Jennifer Westover, Aye.

2. The superintendent nominated Kyle Noyes as baseball coach.

6:45 PM: Motion by Dennis Quinn to approve the superintendent's nomination of Kyle Noyes as baseball coach, seconded by Kathi Padgett. The motion passed unanimously: Kathi Padgett, Aye; Dennis Quinn, Aye; Helen Steele, Aye; Jack Waldron, Aye; Jennifer Westover, Aye.

Lou handed out a sample letter of employment and asked the board to consider changing the wording. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Student Matters: A student matter was discussed.

7:15 PM: Motion by Kathi Padgett to allow the students under discussion to stay at the Brett School till the end of the year, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously:

Kathi Padgett, Aye; Dennis Quinn, Aye; Helen Steele, Aye; Jack Waldron, Aye; Jennifer Westover, Aye.

7:20 PM: Lou Goscinski, Maria Dreyer, Ken Hawkins, and Patricia Ambrose left the meeting. Board members remained to discuss a personnel issue.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION 8:00 PM: Motion by Kathi Padgett to return to public session, seconded by Helen Steele. 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 the superintendent's staff nominations for 2017-2018. The board accepted the superintendent's nomination of Kyle Noyes as baseball coach.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Helen Steele to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Quinn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Ambrose*

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Recording Secretary