

WHITE MOUNTAINS SAU #35
FULL BOARD MEETING
AHEAD CONFERENCE ROOM
260 COTTAGE STREET, FIRST FLOOR
LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03561

DATE: December 5, 2018
TIME: 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Executive Board Chairman Luther Kinney.

The roll call was taken and the following Board members were in attendance.

Present:

Bethlehem Board Members: Robert Weir, Amy Snow, Timothy Fleury, James Noyes, Monique Alexander (arrived at 6:17 pm)

Lafayette Board Members: Luther Kinney, Christi Gignac, Denys Draper, Chris Thayer

Landaff Board Members: Dale Locke, Cecily Yarosh

Lisbon Board Members: Robert Adams, Rochelle Cacio, Michael King, Amber Wright, Nina Brown (arrived at 6:07 pm)

Profile Board Member: Kim Shillieto, Richard Larcom, Timothy Wennrich

Superintendent Pierre Couture, Business Manager Kristin Franklin, Community Member Edward O'Brien

II. Public Input

None

III. Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2018 Meeting

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY DALE LOCKE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2018 FULL BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. SAU #35 PROPOSED 209-2020 BUDGET

Business Manager Franklin distributed copies of the budget packet which includes the budget summary, district shares pie chart and a budget detail report.

Chairman Kinney asked if there were any questions about the budget since the budget was reviewed at the hearing held in November. There were no questions.

Chairman Kinney asked for a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget.

MOTION BY DALE LOCKE, SECONDED BY TIMOTHY FLEURY TO APPROVE THE SAU #35 BUDGET FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED. 16 YES/2 NO. MOTION PASSED.

V. EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Chairman Kinney requested a motion to empower the Executive Board to act on behalf of the SAU 35 School Board Members until the next semi-annual meeting in May.

MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY DALE LOCKE TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SAU TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE FULL BOARD FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD BETWEEN ANNUAL MEETINGS, IN THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of his written report for Board information and review, briefing then on the contents and fielding questions as necessary.

Superintendent Couture advised the Board that Bryan Smith, fourth grade teacher from Bethlehem Elementary School is the 2018 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He is being recognized for excellence in teaching science. Two Teachers in New Hampshire were selected for this award.

Superintendent Couture reviewed the progress that is being made toward the three SAU goals for this year. The first goal is to Develop supports to create safe learning environments by connection schools, families and community resources. The partnership started with Ammonoosuc Community Health Services continues to build. They have added additional staff in response to their work being done in our schools. Staff at the schools are working to become "trauma sensitive" to better provide a safe learning environment for students who are experiencing trauma at home. The SAU 2019-2020 budget included expanding the Special Education Consultant position to a fulltime Student Service Coordinator position. The second goal is to Continue Competency and Assessment Collaboration within the SAU. Teachers in the SAU have met to collaborate on developing a performance assessment to be used SAUwide for each grade level. The assessment will be used during the year and the teachers will meet to discuss the results in May. The third goal is to Restructure the SAU business office to accurately complete tasks in a timely, transparent fashion. To implement a system of accounting practices in the SAU office as well as in the schools in order to maintain internal controls and compliance with accounting standard and NH RSA's while providing effective support to the school districts. Professional development will be provided to all business office staff in order to support this goal. Business Manager Kristin Franklin has almost completed her first year with the SAU. She is working on improving the efficiency of the office staff and completing the training of the new staff. She is also working with the school level office staff to have a consistent accounting practice for student activity funds SAUwide.

VII. 2019-2020 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent Couture distributed copies of the calendar. He gave a brief review on the development of the calendar. A brief discussion ensued.

Superintendent Couture called for approval of the proposed 2019-2020 school year calendar.

MOTION BY RICHARD LARCOM, SECONDED BY NINA BROWN TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION RESULTS

Chairman Kinney distributed copies of the summary of the Superintendent's Evaluation for Board information and review. He met with Superintendent Couture earlier this week to discuss the results. Chairman Kinney reviewed the current evaluation process and discussed the possibility of changing the process for the evaluation in the future. A discussion followed.

Chairman Kinney thanked all who participated and also thanked Denys Draper for compiling the results of the evaluations.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None

X. NON PUBLIC SESSION

None

There being no further business to come before the Board, MOTION BY DENYS DRAPER, SECONDED BY DALE LOCKE TO ADJOURN AT 6:30 PM. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Granger-Clark
Board Clerk