

**Board of Education Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2021**

Present: Bill Bloethe (Vice President), Matthew Edwards (Member), Catherine Edwards (Member), Christian Arsenault (Superintendent/Principal), and Public.

1. Community Session:

1.1 Call to Order- Vice President Bill Bloethe called the meeting to order at 5:30pm .

1.2 Additions to Agenda- None.

1.3 Public Participation- None.

1.4 Celebrations:

A. Girls' Basketball Mariners Classic Champions- The girls basketball team won the Mariners Classic which was the first games of the season. Mr. Arsenault extended a congratulations to the basketball team and coaches.

B. Parent-Teacher Conferences- Conferences were held virtually and were attended by many parents. There was a lot of positive feedback on the conferences and the discussion of having another conference in the spring was proposed. Mr. Arsenault reminded parents that the school is always open to conferencing with parents at any time of the year both formally and informally. Mr. Arsenault also thanked the faculty/staff for their participation and efforts with conferences.

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson- No questions.

A. Warrant #16- November 18, 2021- Paid

B. Warrant #Pending- December 16, 2021- Unpaid

2.2 Business Manager Reports- Mr. Eagan indicated that the manager reports will be distributed at next month's meeting.

A. Revenue- Expense Status Report (November)

B. Treasurer Report (November)

2.3 2021-2022 Budget Transfers: None

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee- Mr. Eagan and Mr. Bloethe reviewed the minutes from the faculty housing committee. There was another discussion regarding a long-term maintenance person for faculty housing. The Board has requested that the office retrieve information from Civil Service regarding the possibility of a faculty housing maintenance person also working with the school custodian on school grounds. The committee will continue to explore all options.

3.2 Safety Committee- The committee is meeting again next week and will continue to present any updates to the Board.

3.3 Personnel Committee- No

4. Action Items

4.1 Approval the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Board of Education Meeting-

Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.2 Approval of the November 29, 2021 Board of Education Special Meeting- Motion mad by Catherine Edwards, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.3 Approval of the December 6, 2021 Board of Education Special Meeting- Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.4 Approval of Public Participation Policy #1230 Revision- Motion mad by Catherine Edwards, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.5 Approval of the Working Conditions and Benefits Revision- The recently appointed federal holiday, Juneteenth, was added to the document as a paid holiday for employees. Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.6 Approval of the Tuition Selection Committee Recommendation for Available Application-Student Seats by Grade for the 2022-2023 School Year- The Tuition Selection Committee has provided several recommendations depending on CDC recommendations for spacing of students. There was a mathematical error in the list for 6th grade and one additional student will be added to the available seat list. After explanation by Mr. Arsenault, the Board agreed with the recommendations. Moton made by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

5. Administrative Report

5.1 Capital Improvement Project- Mr. Arsenault reminded the Board that they will need to select the add/alternate list at next month's meeting.

5.2 NEASC Accreditation- Mr. Arsenault has been working with the faculty/staff on moving forward with this process.

5.3 Reimbursement for Generator Grant- No updates.

5.4 Walsh Park/FIS Land Sale (Winthrop Drive)- Matt Edwards indicated that the process is still moving along, and applications have been submitted. He will continue to update the Board monthly.

5.5 Reservoir Road Potential Land Sale- The district attorney has drafted a overview of the process that would need to be put into place for potentially selling the land on reservoir road. The Board has completed step one, which is receiving appraisals. The next step would be to put together a resolution regarding the terms of sale. The Board will also need to decide if the district would like to retain a realtor via an RFP.

5.6 Underground Storage Tank Suffolk County Health Department Notice- The Suffolk County Health Department cited the school on the recent oil tank inspection. The notice of hearing was given to the Board. Though the school does not agree with several of the violations, it is agreed that some of the violations are accurate and are due to COVID closures. The office team had discussed the potential of fighting the violations, though, after review, it would cost more money in legal fees to go that route. The Board agrees that that the most fiscally responsible resolution is to pay the violation fee and show the Suffolk County Department of health that we have rectified the violations.

6. Information Packet for Board of Education

6.1 NYSSBA Article RE: Virtual Meetings- No comments.

7. Public Participation- Community member, Aleksandra Norton, posed a question to the Board regarding water testing at the school. She is concerned regarding PFO's in the water on Fishers Island and was curious if the school had done testing on the level of PFO's in the drinking water or if she could request that this test be done. Mr. Arsenault explained to her that the school is required to test levels of lead in the drinking water but was unsure if the test also indicated levels of other chemicals. He indicated that he would discuss with personnel that conducts water testing and get back to her with that information.

8. Executive Session

8.1 To Discuss a Contractual Matter- Motion to enter executive session made by Catherine Edwards, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed. The Board entered executive sessions at 6:17pm.

9. Community Session- The Board exited community session at 6:24pm. Catherine Edwards questioned the obligation of the funds from the district's potential land sale. She wanted to know if all of those funds are required to go to the district's Capital Fund. Mr. Arsenault explained that once the land is sold, it will be claimed by the district as excess funds and distributed to proper reserves. Mrs. Edwards questioned if any of those funds could be put towards faculty housing. Mr. Arsenault suggested that the district conduct intense community outreach for input on where the funds from land sale should be placed, including the possibility of putting some funds towards faculty housing.

10. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Catherine Edwards, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed. Meeting adjourned by William Bloethe at 6:28pm.

Recorded by: Aly Horn