

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
10-19-15
@TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM-DRAFT

Present: Brud Sanderson, Al Claussen, Cliff Passino, Members of the Board Steven John, Superintendent, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Vincent DeBonis, CFO @ WCSU, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Call the Meeting to Order: Al called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Additions and Deletions: Vincent asked to add under New Business: Net metering for electricity.

Members of the Public: None

Consent Calendar:

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Rescind D14 Non-Licensed Personnel Benefits Policy
- d. Minutes for September 14, 2015

Al asked when and what time the Haunted House will take place, Deborah reported that Haunted House on October 24th at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm for older kids.

Brud commented from an enrollment point of view he thinks someone will be moving to Townshend and they have 1 or 2 students.

Superintendent's Report: Steven presented a document of two courses that are being offered for Math and Grammar by Leland and Gray for middle and high school teachers, special educators and administrators. He also presented an article from the Brattleboro Reformer regarding Act 46 tax incentive. He encouraged the board members to read this article. Steven also presented a glossary of terms offered by Steven John re: Act 46 and a summary of tax rates and the population of various towns. He mentioned an article in the Brattleboro Reformer regarding Leland and Gray to launch career initiatives. The idea is the after-school program has something for the older students.

Brud made a motion to rescind the D14 Non-Licensed Personnel Benefits Policy. Motion carried.

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Correction of minutes for September 14, 2015: Special Education. Budgeted funds for Triple EEE have been underutilized for FY 15. Brud made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer and financial reports: Triple EEE continues to be underutilized.

Vincent solar projects-Newbrook is moving forward on this. The consortium went out to bid. Vincent reported on solar projects as follows: It may make more sense to participate in the consortium rather than Newbrook. The discount would be 22% with the consortium and 18% with Newbrook. The deadline to decide on the consortium is November 5th. The long term commitment is 20 years. The project is being run by Sun Edison.

Brud made a motion to move to direct the superintendent to enter into net metering with a solar consortium of school districts with the most advantage to Townshend, the more local the better. Steven will get back to the board chair to confirm the terms before signing any agreement. Motion carried.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Al made a motion to pay bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO # 28 \$15,722.25, Payroll PO# 29 \$11,089.17, Payroll PO # 30 \$16,061.75, Payroll PO#31 \$7,627.31, Vendor Warrant PO #32 \$156,620.35. No discussion. Motion carried.

Reports of Administration and Committees: None

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

Act 46 updated: Steven presented to the board several documents regarding Act 46.

FY17 budget prep: Vincent shared what Deborah and he had done re: budget. 1st rough draft was done. Special Ed service plan was completed last Friday. A draft will be coming out for the November meeting. If you look at budget for current Fiscal Year it has monies in SPED that are not allocated. Vincent said if everything goes well we should be in good shape at the end of this fiscal year.

New Business:

- a. Roof Snow Guard: Deborah reported to the board the roof snow guards have proved to be inadequate for a variety of reasons. Our handicap path winds around

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and the snow comes off and builds up around the handicap path which then becomes inaccessible. Deborah had a consult with Perry Phoenix, roofer, who suggested stainless that affixes to the roof and will actually hold the snow on the roof. Cliff made a motion to pursue the bid from Phoenix Roofing of \$4,600. Motion carried. Deborah reported to the board that she will postpone the backup chlorination until July 1st.

b. Amity Alarm and Security quote: Amity Alarm and Security has given us a quote. We have determined that the additional “color intercom” set is not necessary as we have a camera in this area. We are waiting for an installation date. At present the front door is locked and opened manually. The only thing not included in the quote is the wireless pager that Heidi or Deborah wears so that they can let someone in. Cliff thinks there should be a way to record for a period of time so if the need arises you could refer back to it. Deborah will look into this.

Brud made a motion to approve that Amity Security provide the items listed in the \$1,993.00 quote. Motion approved.

Update on TES Board vacancy-response to letter. Al received a letter from Eric Scott noting his interest in becoming a board member. Cliff made a motion to recommend that we accept Eric Scott as a TES board member for the remainder of the term which was vacated by Deidre Beattie. Motion carried.

Classroom expenses: Al reported to the board and Deborah that he has heard from some teachers that they are spending a little above and beyond expenses out of pocket. Deborah will look into this and get back to the board. She was not aware of this issue.

Correspondence: Al received the Grace Cottage Water Report. Month of September 2015-looks pretty normal. Report given to Deborah to file.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. TES School Board Meeting, November 9, 2015
- b. WCSU Full Board Retreat, October 28, 2015 at Mt Snow Grand Summit Hotel, 5-8 pm
Brud, Al and Cliff will attend this meeting.

Executive Session: None

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Adjourn: Brud made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder

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