

SHARON AND STRAFFORD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

COMBINED BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

THE NEWTON SCHOOL

DRAFT MINUTES

In attendance: Sharon School Board- Don Shaw, Chantelle Brackett, Samantha Potter, Strafford School Board- Sarah Root, Glenn Wylie (electronically), Sarah North, Jeff Solsaa (arrived 5:42pm) Superintendent- Bruce Labs, Newton Principal- Tracy Thompson, Sharon Principal- Keenan Haley, WRVSU Business Manager- Tara Weatherell, Sharon Recording Secretary- Nicole Antal, Community members- Kiersten Harlow, Jessica Tidman (arrived 5:40pm), Meg Teachout, Nicole Pavick, Carrie Brennan, Ann Bumpus

1. Call to Order- Sarah R called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda- none
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3.1 Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, December 10, 2019 (Combined)- Motion (Don/Samantha) to approve the minutes as written. Passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment- none
5. Reports to the Board
  - 5.1 Superintendent's Report- Bruce reported that negotiations with support staff and teaching staff have been kicked off. He invited Board members to attend the meetings. A policy meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2020. Board members are welcome to attend the policy meetings as well. Boards will be reviewing some policies tonight. Bruce reported that he is underwhelmed by the applications for the Special Education Director. Currently there are 3 applicants who are currently Special Education Directors in Vermont. All of those applicants have at least 10 years of experience. Bruce invited Board members to be part of the hiring process. Bruce reported that the final step of the process is to go before the SU Board. Bruce reported that Tara has been working really hard to get budgets to Boards. Bruce has submitted his superintendent's report to the town clerks.
6. Discussion Items- Don reported that there is a budget training for the VSBA in Hartford on January 23, 2020. Glenn asked about Bruce's resignation. Don reported that the first step is to get permission to replace from the Secretary of Education.
7. Confirm Next Meeting Dates
  - 7.1 Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 5:30 PM @ Sharon Elementary School
8. Adjourn- Motion (Don/Chantelle) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

**Regular Sharon and Strafford Board Meetings to follow**