

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 - 6:00 PM
@ VIA GOOGLE MEET
Draft Minutes

The meeting was publicly warned in conformance with H.681 authorizing temporary amendments to Vermont's open meeting law to protect the health and safety of the public, board members, and town employees during the state of emergency declared due to COVID-19. Links were provided for public participation by videoconference software or by conventional phone.

In attendance via Google Meet:

School Board members: Don Shaw, Samantha Potter, Chantelle Brackett

Others: Jamie Kinnarney (WRVSU Superintendent), Tara Weatherell (WRVSU Business Manager), Lyall Smith (Consultant on the paving project), Raymond Ballou (Technology Manager, WRVSU) Nicole Antal (School Board Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order
Don Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
Kinnarney asked to add an executive session after discussions.
3. Assign times/time keeper
Shaw will keep track of time
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, January 12, 2021 (Regular)
 - 4.2. Approve the Minutes of Monday, January 25, 2021 (Special)

Potter made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 12, 2021, and Monday January 25, 2021 as written and submitted. Brackett seconded. Motion carried.

5. Board Communications
Kinnarney inquired about the email received a couple of weeks ago by Don Shaw about solar and ideas on grants available to public entities. Kinnarney inquired who emailed, and how to communicate with this person. Antal replied that the person emailing is Ryan Haac and is the chair of the Energy Committee in town. She will email Kinnarney with his contact information.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Reports to the Board

7.1. Superintendent

Kinnarney shared a report with the Board before the meeting (see attached documents)

- **Annual Yield:** The state Annual Yield seems to move in a positive direction, according to Kinnarney. An approval came out of the Ways and Means committee, increasing the yield, which would positively impact our tax rate, said Kinnarney, decreasing the tax rate. The advice that the SUs have been receiving is to use the current yield, if the boards want to be conservative in their estimate. It would positively impact about 4 cents for Sharon, which would put the tax rate under 19-20 cents. The fact that our meeting is delayed, by the time we go to print, Kinnarney is confident that that number might even be lower. It will also be a more accurate number than the one received by the SU in December.

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7.2. Business Manager (20-21 revenue/expense projections)

Weatherell shared a report with the Board before the meeting (see attached documents)

- **Expenditure Projections FY21 (See documents):**

Change made: she finalized the retro and salary calculation based on the negotiated teacher agreement. Weatherell added, is the increase in 'Teacher Salary Increases Budget to actual' of \$6,995. The report is year-to-date, so these numbers still can change with additional revenue, tuition expenses, etc. She adjusts these numbers each month. But based on the information we have right now, Kinnarney and Weatherell shared that it is projected to have a small surplus of \$8,439 (for the year, not year-to-date).

- **Auditor:** draft audit will be available to Weatherell in a day or so.

7.3. Principal

Haley shared a report with the Board before the meeting (see attached documents).

Kinnarney offered to answer any questions the Board might have for Haley. None were raised. Kinnarney shared that he plans to spend every other week in buildings with administrators, to do walkthroughs and compare notes on instructions. Sharon is on Thursday. The main objective is to get an idea of where the buildings in terms of instructions are and calibrate if there is a need for it.

The principal evaluation is also on Thursday.

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Board will discuss preparation of Annual Meeting

A meeting is scheduled for the following day, February 10, with the Selectboard to

discuss the Town/School Meeting's logistics. Some items that might come up, according to Shaw, is the sharing of cost for the Town/School Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2021.

8.2 Paving Project

The RFP has gone out to bid. Weatherell sent it to six individual companies and emailed it to the same companies that bid on it as the last round. She also sent it to Valley News, the White River Valley Herald, for this week's edition. The bids will be opened at the March 9th board meeting. Horizon Engineering updated the project after receiving Smith's suggestions.

Smith: The old scope was missing some items, and the parking has deteriorated more. The service entry was terrible. He also suggested some minor changes that made a difference in the RFP. Shaw asked if the RFP clarified the lighting sighting. Yes, Smith said, and if they damage it, they have to fix it.

Brackett thanked Lyall and Tara for their work on the project.

8.3 Solar Project

Weatherell has received nothing recently from the solar companies that showed interest in a project. She will reach out to those companies. Kinnarney will reach out to Ryan Haac, who showed interest in approaching the school board with ideas on finding and solar projects.

8.4 Executive Session

Chantelle Brackett made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:22 pm to discuss personnel. Sam Potter seconded. Motion carried. Present: School Board members, Jamie Kinnarney.

The School Board exited Executive Session at 6:45 pm. The School Board took no action.

9. Action Items

None

10. New Hires

None

11. Confirm Next Meeting Dates

11.1. Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 6:00 PM @ VIA GOOGLE MEET (Regular)
Confirmed.

12. Adjourn

Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. Brackett seconded. Motion carried.