

## NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### Final Minutes

September 7, 2017

**PRESENT:** Carla Halpern, Karyn Briand, David Briand, Carl Seppala, Amy Palmer, Johanna Bartlett, Anna Wetherby (minutes), Melissa Burke and Jack Radner, members; Bruce Turner, Director of Finance and Operations; Kelley Sullivan, Principal; Jennifer Haggerty, Superintendent; Diane Adams and Linda Balk, staff.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Hearings – Anna was not present
3. Warrants – The following warrants were distributed and signed by the members – payroll #405, 805 and 8050.
4. Guest Presentation: Governance – Glenn Koocher
  - a. Slides of PowerPoint given to attendees: School Committee Roles and Responsibilities
  - b. Review of ethics
5. Superintendent’s Report:
  - a. Great opening day, theme of being a “marigold” – supportive and helpful companion, all teachers took home asters
  - b. Introduced new curriculum and business manager
6. Director of Finance and Operations Report
  - a. Welcome Bruce!
  - b. Wrapping up FY2017
  - c. Budget is looking good for 2017-2018 school year
7. Principal Report
  - a. Great opening day – looking at Universal Design and accessibility to all students
  - b. Used “marigold” metaphor in the classroom discussions
  - c. Kids entered school excited and happy and were offered the use of a photo booth
  - d. Enrollment numbers submitted to committee
8. September Items
  - a. Home School Request
  - b. We can have no input on the curriculum designed by the parents but need to sign off on the request
  - c. Johanna will draft recommendation for follow-up with parents –
    - i. Carla moved to accept Caleb, Amy seconded
      1. Issue with dates on academic year (Sept 17 – May 16)
        - a. Passes unanimously
      2. Carla moved to accept Madeline Misra, Melissa seconded.
        - a. Passes unanimously

9. Future

- a. All school sing in honor of Dick Baldwin – t be discussed at October meeting.  
Johanna will communicate with Joy before October 5

10. Approval of minutes – Carla moved, Melissa seconded

- a. Request to amended spelling of Karyn’s name and spelling of enrollment

11. Non-agenda item: Carla announced a 10 hour run as a fundraiser for a New Salem family  
– November 19<sup>th</sup>

Dave moved to adjourn, Karyn seconded

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Wetherby

New Salem/Wendell School Committee member