

THURSDAY, March 5, 2020 SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL  
NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (7:00 P.M.)

Present: Karyn Briand, Jack Radner, Carla Halpern, Johanna Bartlett, Beth Erviti, Barbara Doyle, Carl Seppala, Elizabeth Devlin, members; Jennifer Culkeen, Superintendent; Bruce Turner, Director of Finance; Kelley Sullivan, Principal(minutes)

Teachers: Jennylou Powers, Paige Smith  
Guests from Wendell Finance Committee: Al McIntyre, Carolyn Reed

A. Meeting called to order: 7:07

B. Public Hearings – none

C. Warrants – Record in minutes with numbers

- Vouchers: 4224-\$18,815.57; 4226-\$20,494.60; 4227-\$16,432.07; 4228-\$830.97; 4229-\$83,016.20; 2809-\$2,572.95; 2810-\$1,166.70; 2811-\$1,555.63; 2812-\$409.93
- Payroll: 8133-\$4,969.98; 8140-\$82,287.04; 414-\$72,902.96; 814-\$26,193.51; 8150-\$85,088.57; 8151-\$33,361.51; 8152-\$47,079.01; 415-\$75,776.67; 815-\$26,193.51; 8160-\$83,842.70; 416-\$74,526.90; 816-26,193.51; 8170-\$83,517.92; 8171-\$33,422.40; 8172-\$45,011.79; 417-\$74,229.97; 817-\$26,153.55; 8180-\$81,352.25; 418-\$72,425.20; 818-\$26,193.51

D. Superintendent's Report

- Update on Professional Development
- Licensure pathways,
- NSW received more Rural Aid
- Swift School named a School of Recognition
- Johanna spoke about the Superintendent's evaluation and asked the committee to complete the evaluation. She reviewed how to complete the forms.

F. Director of Finance and Operations Report

- FY21 Budget Season
- MSBA walkthrough of contractors interest in bidding on project
- Bids will be opened on March 11, 2020. Will need a quorum at a NSW School Committee meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 to award the contract – meeting at 6:15 p.m. at Swift River School – Johanna, Beth, Carl, Carla, and Barbara have agreed to attend

G. Principal's Report

- Mid year benchmarking
- Custodians disinfecting whole school
- Custodians painted gym
- Sensory materials in office for students
- 6 th grade Martin Luther King poems
- Joe Cuneo – checked in on Coronavirus
- Completed food service audit

H. Committee Reports

- Report from Mahar Representatives
  - Student Opportunity Act money went down
  - Dr. Elizabeth Tanzinski (Oxford) offered Superintendent position
    - o Knew everything about budgeting
    - o Was impressive
    - o High hopes for her
- Collaborative for Education Services

- Missed meeting
  - Substance abuse Powerpoint
  - Bill's progress towards goals
- Budget and Personnel – Next Meeting – None
- Joint Supervisory • March 16, 2020 I. March Items
- MOA – Flexible Savings Account
    - Article XII in SREA contract
    - Karyn moves to accept the MOA for the Flexible Savings Account, Jack 2nds
    - Passes unanimously
- Review and vote on the revised and amended agreement of the Collaborative for Educational Services
    - Jack moves to accept Worthington ad Gateway as part of the collaborative for Educational Services, Barbara 2nds
    - Passes unanimously
- U28 Technology committee – discussion and member selection
    - U28 needs a technology sub-committee, 1 member from New Salem, 1 member from Wendell with 1 member each from all other towns in the U28 district. Will need policies and procedures
    - Jack moves to nominate Karyn for New Salem and Johanna for Wendell, Carla 2 nd
    - Passes unanimously
- 2020 Swift River Community Action Award Recipient – discussion, nomination and vote
    - Carla nominates Christin Morin, IT Coordinator. She is an unsung hero, keeps everything up and running
    - Committee will revisit in April
- Identification of School Choice Seats
    - No seat available
    - School Choice - Yes
- FY21 Academic Calendar – Vote
    - Karen moves to accept the proposed FY21 Academic Calendar, Carla 2nds
    - Passes unanimously
- FY21 Draft Budget – Discussion and possible vote on Preliminary Budget
    - Discusses possible cuts and increases
    - E & D – still being worked on – results still undetermined
    - Received a slight increase in Rural Aid
    - Carla moves to accept the Preliminary Budget, Jack 2nds
    - Passes unanimously
- Policy Update and Review:
    - First Reading on:
      - JICFA-E – Hazing\*
      - JB – Equal Educational Opportunities\*
      - JFABD – Homeless students: Enrollment Rights and Services\*
      - JFABE – Educational Opportunities for Military Children\*

- JFABF – Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care\*
- All policies will be reviewed by all members and any comment or corrections will be brought back to the Committee in April for second reading, first vote

Second Reading on:

- JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing\*
- JICFB – Bullying Prevention\*
- Karyn motions to approve both policies, Jack 2nds
- Passes unanimously

J. Future Business

- Next Meeting Date – April 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
- New Salem/Wendell Policy Committee – April 2 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

K. Approval of Minutes of January 2, 2020

- Edit minutes – D – Warrants – 2802 to 2808
- Carla moves to accept minutes as edited, Karyn 2nds – passes 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstain

L. Adjournment • Carla moves to adjourn, Karyn 2 nd – passes unanimously 8:48