

NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, May 3, 2018
Swift River School – 7:00 p.m.

“Continue to stimulate learning systems that realize that meaning is made up of people doing things together. That is the heart of education.” -- Richard Baldwin

Present: Johanna Bartlett, Carla Halpern, David Briand, Amy Palmer, Karyn Briand, Jack Radner, Anna Wetherby (minutes), Bruce Turner, Jennifer Haggerty, Kelley Sullivan,
Community members: Mandy Higgins (special ed. teacher), Ally Jefferson (speech pathologist)

Meeting called to Order 7:02

A. Public Hearings – none

B. Warrants – Record in minutes with numbers

Batch: 421, 422, 821, 822

Voucher: 8121, 8210, 8211, 8220, 4041, 4042, 2814, 4043, 4044

C. Superintendent’s Report

- Central office busy hiring for 2 positions (exec. assist and coordinator for student support) great applicants
- Budget passed in Leverett and Erving, Shutesbury upcoming, then Wendell and New Salem
- Crafting evaluation documents and reviewing standards
- Final reviews of budgets

D. Director of Finance and Operations Report

- Request to move 10k from school choice (from 150 to 160k) and E and D (45 to 35k): Carla moves, Carl 2nd – unanimous
- School choice number have gone up
- Project managers from Mass Buildings Association to look at windows and areas under windows.
- Auditors completed field work for FY17

E. Principal’s Report

- May 24, Spring Spectacular 6:30 pm
- Interviewing for Student Support position
- Interviewing for Evening custodian
- Wendell Misfit Prom is back (June 9) and proceeds go to Swift River (Alice in Wendelland Theme)
- Teacher appreciation week next week. Team SRS is creating wonderful ideas to show appreciation
- Gillian hosted pulled pork dinner at Shutesbury AC. Raised \$1,200.
- Saturday Pancake breakfast and run raised \$500 for Enchanted Forest scholarships
- Saturday sports in the gym with parent volunteers
- Emily Neuberger has started as Art teacher and wonderful projects are emerging

F. May Items

1. School Choice Vote (remain a school of choice)

- Jack moves that we continue to be a school of choice with limited spots for 2018-19, David 2nd – unanimous

2. Gun Control Letter – Discussion and Possible Vote

- Carla will read over the letter and bring back ideas after summer

Swift River School Community Service Award

- Recommend the award goes to Dick Baldwin (with Joy’s approval)

- Award given at June Talent Show (June 15)
- Who would accept on Joy's behalf (Phyllis, Johanna)
- Carla moves Dick Baldwin posthumously awarded 2018 community service award, Jack 2nd passes with one abstention

3. Preschool Tuition – increase, discussion and vote

- Entering final year of preschool grant – will need to find 11k in 2020 budget –
- Recommendation raising daily rate to \$20 (will not be self funded but will help offset expense)
- Totaling \$3400 for the year full time with one early dismissal a week
- Carla moves to accept proposal to increasing to \$20 a day, Amy 2nd – unanimous
- Preschool program can accept monetary gifts

4. Policy Update and Review:

Second Reading, First Vote on:

- o DGA – Regional School District Authorized Signatures Anna moves, Carla 2nd – unanimous
- o DK – Regional School District Payment Procedures- replace line 3 lesser with fewer, Jack moves to approve as amended, Karyn 2nd – unanimous
- o GBEBD – Online Fundraising and Solicitations – Crowdfunding – Jack moves, Karyn 2nd – unanimously
- o GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest – Anna moves, Carl 2nd – unanimous

Final Vote on:

- o BDA – By-Laws of the New Salem/Wendell Union School Committee – remove parenthetical comments – adopt as edited, Carla moves, Anna 2nd – unanimous
- o GBED – Tobacco Free School Policy – Jack moves, David 2nd – unanimous
- o LBC – New Salem/Wendell Relations with Nonpublic Schools – edits to the wording (1st paragraph add at least equals...) (2nd paragraph – remove first sentence – start 2nd sentence with The committee) – Jack moves, Amy 2nd – unanimous
 - Anna will follow up with Kemsley Academy

G. Committee Reports

- Report from Mahar Representatives
 - Passed budget – peeled off considerable amount of money and offered new budget 400k less than original. Increase 4.43%
- Collaborative for Educational Services
 - No report
- Budget and Personnel
 - Discussion of superintendent's contract at last meeting
 - Next meeting- Monday, May 21, 2018 Swift River School - 6:00 p.m.

- Joint Supervisory – Next Meeting – Monday, May 21, 2018 Swift River School– 7:00 p.m.

H. Future Business

- Next Meeting Date – June 7, 2018 – 7:00 pm
- Town of Wendell Meeting – June 5, 2018
- New Salem Town Meeting – June 19, 2018

- I. Approval of the Minutes of April 5, 2018 Karyn moves to approve with amendment, Carl 2nd – passes with one abstention

- K. Adjournment Carla moves, Jack 2nd – unanimous 8:22