

NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, July 5, 2018
Swift River School – 6:00 p.m.
FINAL MINUTES

Carla Halpern , David Briand, Karyn Briand, Amy Palmer, Johanna Bartlett, Anna Wetherby (minutes), Kelley Sullivan, Bruce Turner

Meeting called to Order 6:11

A. Public Hearings
None

B. Warrants – Record in minutes with numbers
Voucher: 4056, 2819, 2801, 4001, 4055, 4261, 8261, 4054, 8260, 4053, 4052, 4051, 8250,
Batch: 426, 826, 425, 825

C. Superintendent’s Report
None

D. Director of Finance and Operations Report

- a. Memo 1: Allow end of year financial transfers per the director’s recommendation (totaling \$57K). Vote on transfers: Karyn moves, Carla 2nd unanimous
- b. Memo 2: Increase for non-contractual employees 2% Vote on pay raise: Carla moves, Karyn 2nd – unanimous
- c. Massachusetts School Building Authority accepted project into funding process (replacing window frames, other work). Towns need to approve the loan from the MSBA. Work slated to begin July 19.

E. Principal’s Report

- a. Asbestos removed from Kindergarten and Karen Nelson office. Other testing completed. Last section to check in windows (to be completed during MSBA window replacement). New carpeting and paint in rooms.

F. July Items

1. Vote- Ratification vote on the SREA Settlement Agreement - Carla moves to ratify the SREA contract beginning July 1, 2018, Ending June 30, 2021, David 2nd. Unanimously

- Agreement stays at 2% COLA for 3 year contract

2. Vote- Vote to approve successor SREA Contract – Amy moves, Carla 2nd - unanimous

- Agreement to budget perks:
 - Teachers to be involved of health trust contract
 - Health Savings Account – Bruce has arranged for someone to come in the

- fall to talk to school committee and teachers about the options
- Limited contribution for tuition credits (\$2500, 3000, 3500 respective of contract year). Funds to be disbursed to all applicants
- Longevity increases: \$250 for 5 years, 750 10 years, etc.

3. Warrant Signing over the summer

Email issued from Pam Rogers specifying where the warrants will be located (either central office or Swift River) – final vote on DGA will allow 3 signatures

4. Home School Applications

- Karyn moves to accept Caleb and Connor Bartlett, Anna 2nd – unanimous
- Anna moves to accept Madeline Misra , Karyn 2nd – unanimous
- Discussion on how much the school committee can require from homeschooling families- extend invitations to running club and science fair
- Add item of invitation to events to homeschooling families to fall agenda. Which activities can be opened to homeschooling? Include teachers in the conversation.
- Would the state law prohibit homeschool students from joining field trips?

5. Policy Update and Review:

First Reading on:

- GBEBC – Gifts to and Solicitations by Staff
- KCD – Public Gifts to the Schools

Final Vote on:

- DGA – Regional School District Authorized Signatures. Carla moves, Karyn 2nd unanimous
- DK – Regional School District Payment Procedures. Amy moves, David 2nd - unanimous
- GBEBC – Online Fundraising and Solicitations – Crowdfunding. Carla moves, Anna 2nd – unanimous
- GBEA – Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest. Amy moves, David 2nd – unanimous

G. Committee Reports

- Report from Mahar Representatives – June 20
 - In lieu of Glimpse into Classroom, “Mahar X-flies” days was shared - sharing information on clubs and societies, sports, curricular overviews
 - Carla is organizing Village Ultra. Funds will go into Mahar general accounts. Labor Day weekend (September 1st and 2nd) - 24-hour event. 12 hours- \$50, 24 \$90, drop-in hour \$10. Camping approved by New Salem select board. Johanna will place information on Wendell list-serve. Farms and businesses are welcome to participate and will be part of publicity. Peter Cross is coordinating food donation (Contact Johanna 3936). Tari Thomas is working on publicity.
- Collaborative for Educational Services – no report

- Looking for a new rep to attend C.E.S
- Joint Supervisory – Next Meeting – TBD
 - Superintendent contract ratified

H. Future Business

- Next Meeting Date – Sept 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
- New Salem/Wendell Policy Committee – October 2018 6:30 p.m.
- Beth Erviti appointed new Wendell School Committee member

o. Approval of the Minutes of April 5, 2018* - Amy moves, David 2nd – passes with one abstention

I. Approval of the Minutes of May 3, 2018* David moves, Amy 2nd – unanimous

J. Executive Session – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation - none

K. Adjournment David moves, Karyn 2nd – unanimous 7:06