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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017 BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Wolkens, Ben Parker, Tricia Burse, David Johnson, Brian Pike, James Grant, Teresa Gillis

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Morang, William Thompson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Weed, Superintendent/Director; David Giroux, Automotive Technology Instructor; Bill Ross, Outdoor Powersports Instructor

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Eva Ross, Topsham resident

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by David Johnson
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Adjustments – Add Executive Session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)
4. **Motion: Brian Pike**
Second: Teresa Gillis
Vote: Unanimous of members present
To: Accept the Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Board meeting as written
5. Public Comment
None

Old Business:

New Business

6. Budget to Actual January 31, 2017
Revenues are exceeding expenditures with no issues noted.
7. FY18 Budget
Superintendent/Director Weed presented the first draft of the FY18 Budget. The first draft shows a 5.09% increase overall but a 2.83% increase without the inclusion of the roof repair. Overall, health insurance is increasing by 8%, dental insurance by 2% and unemployment by 3%. There is an approximate overall increase of 4.46% of costs that R10 has no control over. Superintendent/Director Weed is focusing on accuracy in each line item, and prepared a budget with an overall increase of 5.09%

Teresa Gillis mentioned a budget meeting at the Hawthorne Building in Brunswick this Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 PM with local legislatures and a meeting at the state house Friday, March 3 at 10:00 AM to discuss the budget proposed by Governor LePage.

Chairperson David Johnson said the Finance Committee felt the 2.83% increase (amount excluding the roof and costs over which there is no control) is not acceptable as other fixed costs have risen over 4%. He supported a budget increase of 3.5% plus the roof costs, for a total of 5.75%. The Board voted to move toward a Comprehensive High School last spring and needs to support that vision. Less than a 3-3.5% increase does not support the school and teachers, nor encourage students to attend.

Jim Grant asked to see two versions of the budget; the current draft of 2.8% plus the roof and another of 3.5% plus the roof. Superintendent/Director Weed said a second budget would be presented highlighting increased lines.

Teresa Gillis suggested looking at grants as a creative way to supplement financing. Brunswick School Department Assistant Superintendent Pender Makin has done grant writing demos and workshops for Brunswick and may be willing to come to R10.

8. Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Covered in the presentation of the Draft Budget by David Johnson
- Policy Committee – The committee would like to put in place policies that are needed now and focus on other policy development over the summer. Policy JICK and addendums come directly from the Maine Department of Education; policy JIH and addendum comes from Maine School Management.

FIRST READING: JICK Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention in Schools

Jim Grant said the committee recommends no changes as the policy comes from MDOE.

FIRST READING: JICK-R Bullying and Cyberbullying Administrative Procedure

No questions

FIRST READING: JICK-E1 Bullying and Cyberbullying Reporting Form

No questions

FIRST READING: JICK-E2 Bullying and Cyber Bullying Responding Form

No questions

FIRST READING: JICK-E3 Bullying and Cyber Bullying Remediation Form

No questions

**FIRST READING: JICK-E4 Bullying and Cyberbullying Reporting, Responding,
Remediation Procedure, and Student Safety Plan**

No questions

FIRST READING: JIH Questioning and Searches of Students

No questions

**FIRST READING: JIH-R Questioning and Searches of Students Administrative
Procedure**

No questions

9. Superintendent/Director Report

- Assistant Director Cindy Hutchins helped put together a list of recent accolades:
- Shelby Bishop (HCA) and Gwendolyn Roberge (MTA) were recently recognized by the Brunswick Rotary for their commitment to their community
- Assistant Director Hutchins has set up a scholarship table in the hallway and remains a resource for students
- Eight of twelve seniors in the Health Occupations/CNA program have been accepted into post-secondary programs, with several being accepted to four-year nursing programs inclusive of hefty scholarships. Teresa Gillis said we need to focus on advertising our students using R10 skills and certification to gain college admittance and scholarship funds. Nancy Weed mentioned Blackstone Valley Tech in MA advertises at the local cinema which is a possibility in all three of our districts.
- A group of Girl Scouts used our building recently, working with the Society of Women Engineers learning to dismantle a toaster.
- This past weekend, the local NAVDA chapter conducted a dog training at our building, and next week I-CAR will be holding a class.
- Mid Coast Hospital is hosting a day –long seminar on Youth Mental Health in our multi-purpose room. Some staff members will be attending for professional development.
- Nine students have enrolled in our yearly Composites course with SMCC.
- SkillsUSA will attend the state competition this weekend with fourteen students competing, the highest number of student competitors in a number of years.
- Fourth and fifth graders from Bowdoin and Harpswell visited the school earlier in the month. This is the second year we've invited fourth and fifth grade students. One student said it was, "The best day of my life! Even better than my birthday!"
- The Student of the Quarter Recognition Breakfast on February 3 was extremely well attended with at least 60 guests.
- Nancy extends an invitation to all Board members to stop in and visit/tour the school at any time. Both students and staff would like to have the opportunity to interact with our Cooperative Board.

10 & 10A. Executive Session

Motion: Brian Pike

Second: Jim Grant

Vote: 7-0

To: Enter into Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss negotiations, pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

And to discuss, a personnel issue pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

Return from Executive Session at 8:00 PM

Motion: Jim Grant

Second: Brian Pike

Vote: 7-0

To: Accept salary/benefits proposal for Superintendent/Director and Assistant Director/Student Services Coordinator with a one year extension of each contract.

14. Communication

None

15. Adjourn

Motion: Ben Tucker

Second: Tricia Bursey

Vote: 7-0

To: Adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM