

Waits River Valley School Board Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2020

Approved

Member Present: Stacy Emerson, Joe Nolin, Jason Rogers and Alexis Maxell

W.R.V.S.: Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni, Principal

O.E.S.U.: Bruce Williams, Assistant Superintendent and Marla Ianello, Pre-K Coordinator.

Treasurer: Dick Kelley

Board Minutes Clerk: Nancy Ertle

Guests: Chris Preston and Rollin Tait and Rick Burroughs from Black River Design

Meeting called to order: Stacy called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Review: No changes

Minutes Approval: No quorum, add September 12, 2020, October 10, 2020, November 26, 2020 and January 6, 2020 to agenda for the March 12, 2020 meeting.

Correspondence: None

Contracts: None

Board Orders: Joe moved to pay board orders in the amount of \$95,594.57 the largest of which is \$63,599.73 to River Bend Career and Technical Center. Jason seconded, the ayes have it. Joe moved to pay \$788,975.82 with \$252,783.79 going to O.E.S.U., Alexis seconded, the ayes have it.

Public Comment: Chris Preston Stated that the Strategic Planning needs to be on every agenda. Stacy will redirect with O.E.S.U. to see what is going on with their plan, then take it up.

Treasurers Report: Dick said we are in good shape. At the end of January, we had \$927,635 dollars in the Community Bank Fund. Will get a check from the state around the end of April. Ending value in February will be about \$555,000.00.

Preschool Presentation by Black River Design: Stacy welcomed the both members of Black River Design. Rick introduced himself and Rollin and told a little about their business. They have a series of documents they passed out to the board. They spoke about the design, where it will be sited on the lot, plans speciation's and timeline. There was much discussion. The board decided to have an extra meeting on March 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm to discuss all of this, then have Black River back at the regular meeting on March 12, 2020.

Principals Report: none just the budget.

Adopt FY21 Budget: Carlotta spoke on changes to the budget. Some of the high lights were Insurance, food service, retirement and OESU cost going up. Stacy said Bruce does a good job but with the costs of OESU there should be better service. Stacy said she has called at least 10 times with no one ever answering the phone and personal items for WRVS employees have been lost three times recently. We shouldn't have to wait until the last minute for the budget. Stacy also feels they should evaluate the Special Education spending and combine for shared existing services. Joe talked about the Principals salary. Joe moved to approve the budget for FY 2021 in the amount of \$6,096,932.79, Alexis seconded the ayes have it.

Wrap Up/Next Meeting Agenda Items: Special Meeting on March 2nd at 6:00 to discuss Black River Design proposal. Then next meeting on March 12th with approval of minutes.

Public Comment: Chris spoke on the OESU audit report. He said there was an error on page 11 with the Capital Improvement Fund and Future Reserve. The Future expense fund was transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund at the 2018 annual school meeting by the voters but was put in the wrong places in the report by OESU.

Executive Session: Negotiations Update: Joe moved to go into executive session at 8:24 p.m. Stacy seconded, the ayes have it. The board came out of executive session at 8:48 with no action taken.

Board adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectively submitted by, Nancy Ertle