

Waits River Valley School Board Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2020

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Members Present: Joe Nolin, Stacy Emerson, Sarah Nolin, Ken Schaffer, Jason Rogers and Alexis Maxwell

OESU: Bruce Williams, Assistant Superintendent

WRVS: Carlotta Simons-Perantoni, Principal

Guests: Chris Preston

Stacy called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm

Welcome and Board Business: Stacy welcomed everyone.

Board Business:

Agenda Review: No Changes

Approval of Minutes:

Joe moved to Approve minutes to the February 24, 2020 meeting, Alexis seconded, the ayes have it. Sarah and Ken abstained.

Joe moved to approve the minutes to the January 6, 2020 meeting, Alexis seconded, the ayes have it. Joe and Sarah abstained.

Joe moved to approve the November 26, meeting minutes, Sarah seconded, the ayes have it. Ken and Alexis abstained.

Joe moved to approve the October 10, 2020 meeting minutes, Stacy seconded, the ayes have it. Stacy abstained.

Joe moved to approve the September 12, 2020 meeting minutes, Alexis seconded, the ayes have it. Ken and Sarah abstained.

Correspondence: None

Contracts: None

Board Orders: Joe moved to approve board orders in the amount of \$\$155,444.37, with one of the largest being \$44,400.00 paid to ST. Johnsbury Academy and \$75,468.00 to Washington Central School. Alexis seconded, the ayes have it.

Public Comment: Chris Preston doesn't recommend waiting any longer and not to wait for OESU to do their plan. He spoke about the equalized pupil figure. Bruce said the figure comes from the state. Chris also asked about the time stipulation on spending from the Capital Improvement Fund and who is in charge of what gets spent. Would like the Board to check into these items.

There was also discussion about the budget and surplus.

Treasures Report: Dick Kelley wasn't present.

Black River Design Continued Discussion: The Board discussed options for the building and contents. There was talk about when to schedule the bond vote. Joe recommends that no matter the choice that an Engineer

stamp be required on the plan. Carlotta suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look into all of this. Joe, Carlotta and Jason were chosen for the committee. They will look into things and bring it back to the Board.

Principals Report: The school is focusing on health needs and it's been very busy. They meet daily and go over resources if things reach a crisis level. Carlotta express gratitude for the help from OESU during this time. There will be interviews next week for spots that they anticipate will be open for the next year.

FY 21 Budget Decisions: There was dissuasion about whether grant monies need to be included in the budget or not. Bruce believes all expenses need to be included in case grants don't come through. The Board discussed using \$258,014.68 surplus to reduce the amount of taxes that need to be collected. There was discussion on using some of the surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund. The Board worked on the Warning and added articles needed.

Joe moved to approve the Warning as written and read, Ken seconded. The ayes have it. The Board signed the Warning.

Wrap Up Next Meeting Agenda Items: Joe moved to approve the WRVS calendar for the year of 20-21 as presented. Ken seconded, the ayes have it.

Next Agenda: Similar agenda but to include- Black River Design continued discussion, approval of the March 12, 2020 meeting minutes, discuss public informational meetings for the bond vote, negotiations. Next meeting May 14, 2020 at a new time of 5:00 pm

Joe moved to adjourn Ken seconded, the ayes have it. Meeting adjourn at 7:10 pm