

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting
November 8, 2017**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Wayne Hall, Mike Lynch and Bruce Blodgett. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Sandi Adams.

Wayne Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Wayne Hall to approve the public board minutes of October 11, 2017 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Citizens Comments: NONE

Jeff Tirey presented the proposed building project for the entry repairs in the front of the school building and with repairs to window sills.

Ruggco Inc. bid on the project for \$131,367, he will be using a sub-contractor for the site and concrete work, RG Gosselin Inc. out of Derby, VT. A bid bond of 5% was submitted to Jeff Tirey by the submitter.

Jeff Tirey feels very confident in both Ruggco Inc. and RG Gosselin Inc. and their quality of work. Jeff has a good work history with both companies.

Bruce Blodgett would like to see more than one bidder on the project to compare pricing. Jeff Tirey responded that he would have liked to have seen more than one bid. He expected three to show up to the mandatory pre-bid meeting, but only one showed up and only that one submitted a bid. This is a small project in the northern part of the state.

Bruce Blodgett asked if this whole project had to be done. Jeff Tirey responded that he would not suggest any more band aids.

Charlie Goulet asked about the roofs over the steps out front and if they'll be jacked up while the concrete is replaced under them. Will this cause issues for the roofs? Jeff Tirey explained that the roofs will not be jacked up; they will be held in place with beams.

Mike Lynch suggested that while we have the front dug up for this project we get that old sewer lined replaced from the building down the hill. Jeff Tirey said we could add this to the scope of work for project if we wanted to.

Jeff Tirey suggested to the board to always have contingency funds available for those unforeseen construction issues that can happen, if there are any.

Sandi Adams presented her principal report. Sandi updated the board on what they did today for Veteran's Day.

Michelle Mason's special education report was presented with nothing to add.

Shane Cloutier's technology report was presented with nothing to add.

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Charlie Goulet asked what kind of technology classes are being offered up here in Stratford. Sandi Adams responded that they are using Project Lead the Way. They use technology all day long in every classroom.

Patty Brown presented her business report with no changes. Patty went over the proposed budget for 2018-2019, as of this month the budget is down \$15k without the teacher's negotiation's agreement added. Patty informed the board that she did receive one plowing bid from a contractor out of Bloomfield, VT. Also, the board will need to form a plan going forward for the project and how we are going to budget for it and write the article for the annual meeting, etc...

Mike Kelley presented his report with nothing to add.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by Mike Lynch to accept the plowing bid from Michael Belknap for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$6,300. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Mike Lynch would like to have an article on the warrant for school choice. They will only offer to pay the Groveton rate to the other schools. Anything above that rate would have to be paid by the parents. We will continue to provide transportation to only Groveton.

There are a few date issues we still need to work out with our agreement with Groveton and what we are obligated to pay with them from when a student comes and goes. The board asked Mike Kelley to take the options to the Northumberland board and see how they feel.

Bruce Blodgett asked Mike Kelley about emergency drills, like active shooters, etc...

Mike Kelley explained how the staff is trained and how they practice regularly with the students. The administrative team is currently looking into increasing cameras/security systems at all buildings to improve our security.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to go into nonpublic to discuss personnel and negotiations at 7:10 pm. Wayne-YES, Bruce-YES, Mike-YES

Mike Kelley explained how he and Sandi Adams had to meet with a staff member to speak with them about the chain of command. This was not the first time they had to speak with this staff member about the same issue.

The board discussed negotiations and what they wanted Patty Brown to work up for figures. The board gave Patty percentages to work from. Patty also had a lengthy conversation with the board about health insurance coverages and several options. New rates are coming out soon and the plan options are not "apples" to "apples". All our union groups need to agree together on what they want to do. That will be out next step within the next month.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to come out of nonpublic at 7:29 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown