

DRAFT-SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting-Public Minutes**

October 11, 2017

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 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 September 13, 2017 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Citizens Comments: Joe Hakey asked about hiring a school board members to do work around the school and if the board is going to change their mind with their current policy. Wayne Hall responded that the policy is to prevent unethical behavior and that school board members should not be financially benefitting from jobs and/or work authorized by the school board. Wayne responded the answer would be no, we will not change it.

Sandi Adams presented her principal report. Sandi spoke about donations over \$500 and according to the new policy if they receive them, they have to bring them to the board for approval. Sandi wants to make sure the board would be okay with the teachers and her continuing their past practices and the board would approve the donations if they received them.

The board asked when the donation is requested and/or applied for, that it is brought to the board to be discussed publically at that time. The policy does not say the boards needs to approve it, it only needs to be discussed.

Michelle Mason's special education report was in the board packet. Mike Kelley added that a Stratford resident of origin is now in foster care and we are the town of origin that is responsible for that child. The cost for this placement is \$130,000 a year, but our cap is \$52,000 for state aid. There is also another foster placement with an estimated cost of \$20,000. As a reminder, we need to budget the whole amount and pay the whole amount, the state aid for monies spent above the cap of \$52,000 is received the following year as revenue. Mike also mentioned there is also another referral in process with unanticipated expenses coming forward.

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

Mike Lynch asked about the ticket graph on tech issues, the old graph would show resolved issues. This graph just shows many issues, nothing showing any have been resolved. Mike also wanted to know how the tickets work. Mike Kelley responded that as the tickets come in electronically they are prioritized and dealt with, etc...

The board did request that the ticket graph show how many tickets come in and how many get resolved.

Patty Brown presented her business report with no changes. Patty informed the board that only one contractor showed up for the bid meeting last week, so there will only be one bid for the building project. Jeff Tirey will be here at next month's board meeting to discuss the project and the bid.

The board requested that Patty Brown contact local plowing contractors personally to see if they are interested in submitting a bid.

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Joe Hakey mentioned he went to the select board to see if they would work for the school and plow the parking area. Joe said the select board told him this request would have to come from the school board if that was something the school was interested in doing.

Sandi Adams asked if the school board would consider working with the town to get the whole parking area and drive plowed by them. Bruce Blodgett responded that if we don't get anyone to bid next month, it may be our only option.

Wayne Hall again directed Patty Brown to contact local plowing companies to solicit bids. He also mentioned they had talked about giving Marc Brassard a multi-year agreement after one-year, so this could be a possibility.

Mike Kelley presented his report. Mike added he wanted to put together a strategic plan for SAU #58, a road map for the future. Mike will be looking for a representative from each school board to be on this committee. We'll talk about it more at the SAU meeting.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Mike Lynch to approve and accept the second reading on the updated policies as presented in the school board reports. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

- BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
- BEDG – Minutes
- BEDG-R – Access to Minutes and Public Records
- DIH – Fraud Prevention and Fiscal Management
- DKA – Payroll Procedures
- EBCA – Emergency Plans
- GBCD – Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check
- IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material
- IHAK – Character and Citizenship Education
- IHAM – Health Education and Exemption from Instruction
- ILD – Non-Educational Surveys and Questionnaires
- IMDA – Patriotic Exercises
- JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process
- JICFA – Hazing
- JLF – Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect
- KCD – Public Gifts/Donations

Mike Lynch asked that school choice be on the agenda for discussion. Mike wants to review and read the final report from last year and discuss it more at next month's meeting. Wayne Hall spoke more details from last year's discussions about letters to parents, notifications, prorated tuition for moving compared to changing schools, etc...

Bruce Blodgett then asked about school choice for all kids K-12. Bruce had a parent ask about sending their elementary student to another school other than SPS. Mike Kelley responded that the new tuition law is only for grades not offered in the district.

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Mike Lynch and Wayne Hall both responded that they offer and provide a K-8 education here in Stratford, so all students of that age can attend SPS or the parents can pay the full tuition rate to send them elsewhere.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by Mike Lynch to go into nonpublic to discuss negotiations at 6:45 pm. Wayne-YES, Bruce-YES, Mike-YES

Mike Kelley went down through the process of negotiations. The first meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by Mike Lynch to come out of nonpublic at 6:49 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Mike Kelley mentioned that there was a sign on our property soliciting a contractor's service. Sandi Adams will contact the contractor and ask them to remove their sign.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Patricia Brown