

**Stratford School Board
Board Meeting Public Minutes
April 12, 2017**

The Stratford School Board had a board meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the Stratford Public School in Stratford, NH. Present were: Mike Lynch, Wayne Hall and Bruce Blodgett. Also present were Superintendent Mike Kelley, Business Administrator Patty Brown and Principal Sandi Adams.

Mike Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Mike Kelley asked for a nomination for board chair.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to nominate Wayne Hall as the board chair. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Wayne Hall to nominate Bruce Blodgett as the assistant board chair. Bruce Blodgett refused the nomination.

A motion was made by Wayne Hall and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to nominate Mike Lynch as the assistant board chair. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to approve the public board minutes of February 8, 2017 as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

Sandi Adams presented her report. The board asked what the cost was for the pre-k program/students. Mike Kelley responded that the kindergarten teacher is there teaching and we added the pre-k to her class, so there is no additional expense. It's a feeder program into your elementary school system.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to allow the Vermont pre-k students to attend the Stratford Public School for the 2017-2018 school year at no cost. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Michelle Mason's report was in the board packet. Mike Kelley mentioned there were 19 additional psychology days purchased for students and the budget will be over for those services this year. Patty Brown mentioned the cost was roughly \$13-14k. The board would like to review the breakdown of the days and how they were billed, cost, used, etc... The board would like to receive that information before the next board meeting if possible.

Karen Conroy's report was in the board packet with no changes or additions. Mike Lynch asked about the access points and Sandi Adams responded that they will be used to expand and update the wireless access around the building.

Mike Lynch asked about the telepresence equipment. Mike Kelley explained that the RUS Grant equipment is equipment given to us and nothing we chose or picked. The equipment is for extended learning.

Mike Lynch then asked about the new server updates. Sandi Adams responded that the tickets are resolved and the issues are resolved. There have been no major complaints in the last month, month and a half.

Bruce Blodgett will tell people, if they confront him again about the Stratford technology issues that the issues are resolved and the server is working fine.

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Mike Kelley explained that communication needs to improve with users here in Stratford. Karen Conroy and Sandi Adams have met with everyone here in this building personally.

Patty Brown presented her report with no changes; she mentioned there should be some money left at the end of the year. There are a couple end of year projects to be done, but nothing major. Patty would like to hire Jeff Tirey an engineer out of Littleton to come up and look at the front of the building to evaluate the concrete steps, pillars and the separation (tar/building) that lets water seep into the building. Patty would also like to get a quote and replace the science room windows. The board will need to vote on the upcoming school year's tuition rate based on the state cost per pupil plus \$500 as we have done in the past.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to set the Stratford Public School tuition rate for the 2017-2018 school year at \$15,534. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Mike Kelley presented his report and he also asked the school board to either for a subcommittee for their budget next year or post budget work sessions as a board. Mike Kelley would like to see the boards work deeper on the their budget preparations next fall and winter. Also, next February the board should spend more time at the board meeting preparing for the annual meeting. The school board discussed the budget options and chose to have budget work sessions and will schedule them as needed.

Mike Kelley also mentioned to the board that all school nurses must be an RN and be state certified through the DOE. The board needs to look at adjusting the benefits package to attract RN's and keeping them. It's mandatory for us to have them here in our buildings.

Mike Lynch asked about SB193 adequacy aid for private schools with no account ability (also home schools). ADM will also go to private schools. Mike Kelley replied that it did pass; it's only waiting for the governor to sign at this point.

A motion was made by Bruce Blodgett and seconded by Mike Lynch to approve the overnight trip to the AMC in the Crawford Notch on June 11th – June 12th. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to accept the letter of resignation from Julie Higgins and Jessica Buxton as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mike Lynch and seconded by Bruce Blodgett to approve the nominations of the Administrators and the Professional Staff for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. A vote was then taken and all were in favor.

Mike Lynch had an idea of bringing some type of business into the school by adding a daycare. This daycare could be funded by the parents sending them and managed privately or by us, we could also look into seeing if there is any federal/state funding out there. Mike Lynch is seeing this as a year-round business using a portion of the school building. Mike Kelley will look into the possibility and get back to the board.

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