

ANNUAL MEETING/BUDGET HEARING

Regular Meeting, Board of Education

Monday, May 9, 2016

Jr-Sr High School Large Group Instruction Room

5 p.m.

MINUTES – Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing

PRESENT: Jeremy Putorti, James Brooks, Amy Austin,
Patricia Norton, Samantha Kingsley, Virginia Rivette
Michael Rocque, Anthony Scrimo & Frank Barber

ALSO William F. Scott, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Jodi Birch, School Business Manager

PRESENT: Mark Doody, Interim Jr-Sr High School Principal
Richard Trowbridge, Elementary Principal
Gregg Chappell, Coord. of Special Education Serv.

The regular meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mr. Putorti.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by

Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to adjourn

To Executive Session for Collective Negotiations pursuant

To Article 14 of the Civil Service Law

And

The medical financial credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

The Board returned to public session

The Budget Hearing was presented by Ms. Birch, Business Manager who presented a Powerpoint overview to the Board and the audience focusing on increases in the proposed 2016-2017 budget, revenues and the impact on taxes.

After discussion, the Budget Hearing was closed and the regular meeting continued.

Mr. Putorti gave a reminder that the school budget and board election vote would be taking place on 5/17/2016 from noon to 9 p.m. in the Jr-Sr High School LGI.

At a prior meeting there was discussion of how to acknowledge retirees. After some sharing of ideas and discussion on the subject the following were approved.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to Approve that a “year of service” pin and certificate Would be presented to active employees at 5 year intervals
9 yes

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously that when Employees resign for the purposes of retirement, they Will receive a crystal apple, This will be recognized with At least 10 years of service or more, as it is the general rule of Thumb that 10 years is the least amount of time for an employee To be entitled to retiree benefits.
9 yes

The service recognition and the retiree mementos will be awarded On an annual basis at the September meeting of the Board of Education. The Board also agreed to look back since the last time retiree were recognized and invite them on the same evening in September. The District Clerk has gone through the records and indicated that there are approximately 15 non-instructional and instructional personnel to honor.

Correspondence

Graduation announcements were noted

There was a letter from students requesting the formation of an FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter in the district. Following a discussion on the value of such a group and that the students will need an advisor the Board approved as follows:

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to

Approve the request and acknowledge the Formation of the FFA – Future Farmers of America Chapter.

9 yes

Old Business

Discussion on the continuation of the Fort Ann/Whitehall Wrestling team for the 2016-2017 was brought to the floor.

Mr. Barber who has consistently indicated that his support lies with the taxpayers of Whitehall and that the amount that the District is paying to have a merged team does not seem to be fair. He would like to see Fort Ann contributing 50% of the entire cost.

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to Table the subject until a meeting with Fort Ann can Be scheduled with the Athletic Director to discuss the concerns.

9 yes

It was noted that the Bank Reconciliations were not Available because of the early date of this meeting. Reports will be available at the June meeting.

BD & STAFF

7 yes

There was a discussion regarding an unpaid invoice from New York State School Boards Association. Mr. Rocque indicated that he had signed up for a Leadership workshop on his own and had informed both Mr. Putorti and Mr. Scott that he was thinking of going last summer. Mr. Scott, and members of the Board indicated that there was a proper procedure to follow and to be approved in advance by the Board. Mr. Rocque indicated he will pay the \$270.00 which was the cost of the workshop and indicated “lesson learned” and would follow proper protocol and approval for future workshop/conferences.

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to Approve the bills for payment of all funds

9 yes

Budget Status report was not available

The Revenue Status report was not available.
Extracurricular report was not available.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve the Board of Education minutes of 4/18 & 5/3/2016.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Pat Norton and carried unanimously to
Accept the CSE/CPSE minutes of 3/9, 3/11, 3/14, 3/15
3/16, 3/18, 3/21, 3/23, 3/30, 4/4 and 1/26, 3/2, 3/3
3/7 & 3/21/2016
9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to accept the
Resignation for the purposes of retirement of
Mr. Raymond VanGuilder, Cleaner, effective July 2, 2016
Mr. Van Guilder has been employed since 1996.
9 yes

RESIGNATION

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve
The appointment of Mr. Justin Millett to the position
Of micro-computer repair technician, effective July 1, 2016
9 yes

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Samantha Kingsley, seconded by
Patricia Norton and carried unanimously to approve
The appointment of Richard Gould as unpaid volunteer assistant
For Modified Baseball and Paxton DeLorme as unpaid volunteer
Assistant for Modified Baseball Coach
9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
James Brooks, and carried unanimously to appoint
Megan Badger as Assistant to the Modified Softball Coach for
A special needs student. This rate will be paid at a pro-rated rate of
1/2 of the modified coach pay.

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve request from Girl Scout Troop #3041
To use the Cafetorium on 5/6 & 5/16 for their Bridging
Ceremony. Also the use of the Cafetorium on 5/2/16 from
5:45 to 6:45 p.m. for a meeting

USE OF
FACILITY

Girl Scout Troop #3064 to use the Elementary School Cafeteria
On 5/5/2016 from 6 to 7:30 for a troop meeting.
9 yes

Items of Information

Pre-K Graduation will be held at 9:a.m. June 20, 2016
Kindergarten Graduation – 10:a.m. – June 21, 2016 Elementary Gym
5th Grade Graduation – June 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. Jr-Sr High
School/Auditorium

The meeting was adjourned.
Martha P. Bascue
District Clerk