

Wentworth Elementary School
School Board Meeting
02/04/2016

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Melisa Farrell, Kevin Kay

Administration Present: Kyla Welch, Assistant Superintendent,
Dan Rossner, Business Administrator
Tonia Orlando, Principal

Public Present: 4 members of the community

Nonpublic: ended at 5:35 pm, the board decided nonpublic was not needed at this time.

Public Session opened at 5:38 pm,

Motion: Kevin Kay Second: Melisa Farrell

A. Agenda Review and Disposition:

Kyla Welch added in Primex Insurance to discuss.

B. Minutes from the January meeting were accepted by the board, with a few spelling changes.

Motion: Kathleen Mack Second: Kevin Kay

C. Principal's Report by Tonia Orlando:

The 250th variety show was on the front page of the Record Enterprise! This was a big community event that went well. Mrs. Orlando thanked the 250th committee.

The Winter Program was a success. The first year going to Loon Mountain went well with no major glitches. The total cost was \$4,044.00, currently \$871.00 has been collected from the parents. There is an outstanding balance of \$225.00 Mrs. Orlando expects to collect \$100.00 of the remainder. The remaining \$125.00 was requested aid. There was incidental cost for three days of staff absences when substitutes were needed and with the principal using her own vehicle to transport ski gear. The school funded 75% and 25% was funded by parents. Loon Mountain has already contacted the school for the 2017 season. Mrs. Orlando is thinking that PSU is an option for ice skating since students waited two weeks for Loon's ice rink to open. The tubing at Loon was too extreme for the little kids under the age of 8. The other option of the Gondola rides and climbing wall was great but not enough activity for all 4 weeks. The notes from this year's Winter Program will be reviewed for next year's program.

For Spring sports, baseball and softball WES will not be fielding teams. Warren will have a coed team. Rumney will have both a softball and a baseball team. Rumney will accept kids from Wentworth for baseball and softball teams. There will be a number of kids doing the

Thundercats Softball, Babe Ruth baseball or lacrosse. The cost should be fine and there may be a home game at Wentworth.

On Monday 2/8/2016, there is no school for the children, but is school for staff. There will be others in the SAU 48 attending the workshops at WES. The Monday schedule will have the 1st part of the day of character development, performance plus with state consultant and there will be a training with paraprofessionals and others on Math. In the afternoon the staff will be reviewing student achievement data.

Mrs. Orlando reported that Ted Sheu, a CLiF grant poet was fantastic with the students. He spent three days at WES working with all grades. The students were fully engaged in writing poetry.

D. Discussion Items:

A. Budget Hearing preparation:

Mrs. Welch presented a School Budget Slideshow (see attached). Mrs. Welch is going to post everything on the website to let the public know how it works, warrant articles with explanations, and collective bargaining information.

While discussing the budget it was brought up by Kathleen Mack about the Cafe Service's, the revenue and cost. Dan Rossner explained how the revenue and cost works. Kevin Kay then brought up the research on WES being one of the cheaper paying schools in the SAU 48. Healthcare cost will improve with only about a \$1,000.00 more than the 2013/2014 budget. Discussion on the past contracts being 2 year contracts for teachers, possibly seeing if they can be extended to 3 year or 4 year contracts, will ask the public on that. Mrs. Orlando said that the Title 1A does fund part of the teaching staff by 60% for a full time position. There is also 20% more Music, Guidance, and half time Special Education teacher services this school year than last school year.

Kathleen Mack brought up the contract with Speare Hospital on the full time nurse position at WES. Mrs. Welch let the board know that a full time nurse is needed at WES with two children with special needs. The contract with Speare Hospital will not change price wise no matter if there is a nurse with experience or a nurse with no experience.

Kevin Kay ask about the Smarter Balance test scores, if they are public and can be available at the town meeting? The scores have been public since 11/2015, with WES having highly competitive scores. The cell size is small compared to other schools, achievement has come up for WES. Mrs. Welch said it will be good to showcase at the April School Board meeting. Kevin Kay also ask about having the total cost for Special Education and would like it brought to the town meeting for the School Board to look at. Mr. Rossner will have a standardized formula for the hearing.

Updated with notes to warrant articles explanations official warrant articles documents about configurations. There will be yellow forms handed out at the meeting on 3/5/2016.

Article 1, the clerk should work with the school clerk on this for moderator position. Same person but should have two people, there will be a write in at the election for a 3 year term. It was ask by Kevin Kay if there should be a quick school board meeting before the budget hearing. The budget was reviewed with Mrs. Welch doing a powerpoint, in reviewing the budget the GYM floor needs to be redone. The 2015 -2016 budget had the new generator in it.

Warrant Article 1:

Electing new officers for the school and a new moderator for a 3 year term.

Warrant Article3:

Asking that the fund balance have the capital reserve to \$10,000.00, remainder can go into reserve.

Warrant Article 4:

Article represents the costs associated for a new collective bargaining agreement between school district and teachers.

Warrant Article 5:

Only one that represents the operating budget for WES district year 2016 - 2017. Kathleen Mack questioned the wording in Article 5 and would like it revised. Mr.Rossner saw the wording and will have it revised.

On a motion by Kathleen Mack, seconded by Kevin Kay the Board unanimously voted to adjourn from the Budget hearing at 6:30 pm

The Board entered into Public session at 6:32 pm. On a motion by Kathleen Mack, seconded by Kevin Kay, the Board unanimously approved the Budget and Warrant articles for the District Meeting.

E. Privilege of the Floor:

Primex Property and Liability insurance is up for renewal, the board agreed to renewal.
Motion:Kathleen Mack Second: Melisa Farrell

There was a question on Article 4 by Sarah Cormiea. Thought that there was an increase but it was a decrease from last year. Kevin Kay discussed that Article 4 is different than Article 5. Mr. Rossner then discussed that the first year of Article 4 is not good but the moderating will show the third year in a savings. Cost of the first year will bring it up, assuming that all teachers are back, but a new teacher can reduce that amount. Kevin Kay left the meeting early.

For the 3/8/2016 Voting Day the School Board would like information pamphlets available for the public to have.

Sarah Cormiea also brought up the 8th grade class trip and what is needed, will approve of all items related to this event.

Mrs. Cormiea stated that in April there will be a murder/mystery dinner at WES to help raise money for the 8th grade class trip.

Mrs. Orlando will be making sure that on 3/8/2016 voting day, there will be police units in the school building.

The phone box in the GYM will be removed, Mrs. Orlando will have that done.

F. Consent Items:

Claims and Payroll: Done

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn public session at 6:50 pm:

Motion: Kathleen Mack Second: Melisa Farrell

Respectfully submitted:

Vickie Moore