

Wentworth School Board
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Melisa Farrell, Kathleen Mack

Administration Present: Kyla Welch, Assistant Superintendent
Tonia Orlando, Principal

4:30 Non-Public Negotiations

5:05 Public session Three members of the public were present
Open the meeting
Motion: Melisa Farrell Second: Kathleen Mack

Agenda Review and Disposition:
none

Minutes of 4/18/16 approved as written
Motion: Kathleen Mack Second: Melisa Farrell

Principal's Report by Tonia Orlando:

Student Enrollment: We currently have 55 students in the building. One homeschooler for specials.
(12) K- 1, (10) 2-3, (11) 4-5, (7) 6, (10) 7, (5) 8.

School Climate Tonia reported that she spoke to all the students about their having a voice in the transitioning to new Principal. The teachers expressed their interest in being part of the Principal search process.

2-5 Field trip to Capital Center for the Arts today
Next Monday the 4th, 5th, and 6th visiting State House.
Middle school field trip to bomber site was fantastic.

Curriculum and Assessment:

Important to note that the Wonders reading program implementation has been very successful! We are seeing impressive results.

There is a desire among staff to develop science curriculum units over the summer. It was suggested that students also have an online Math program for the summer.

Very proud of the students work during SBAC. They engaged, persevered and have a positive attitude.

Student Shout Outs: Current 8th grade class are true leaders and solid students! An impressive group. They are choosing to invite people to their table or sitting with a student who is alone.

Teacher and staff. A big thanks to our aids: Deana Toomey, Joyce Morrison, Jess Brown, Kristi Zwald, Linda Cummings. We could not manage this school without them!!

Safety and Wellness. (David Jaffe, LeeAnn Lewis, Tonia Orlando)

Food Service onsite review on Thursday this week. Look at everything, what kids take on their trays.
Wendy Mersch has been hired as full time nurse for next year.

Sports: Wentworth softball team beat against Plymouth

PTO: Kick ball tournament Sunday. There will be a staff team.
Last week was Teacher Appreciation week. Thank you for Food and Stars.

Technology: No significant issues. We will look at adding a few IPADS from K1 and replacing or adding middle school laptops and a few (3-4:).

Facilities: Lighting projects are set to go after the end of school

Community: Square Dancing was held here in Gymnasium. Palmer Koelb was thankful.

Upcoming events:

5/11 Tomorrow is Kindergarten Screening, expecting 5 new students

5/14 Saturday night dinner theater

5/15 Kickball tournament

5/ 19 Bike safety

5/20 Middle school Semi-Formal

5/25 Spring Concert Celebrating the ARTS

6/ 6-8 8th grade trip to New York

6/13th Graduation Grad 13th

6/15th Last day of school

Met with high school Guidance Counselors today, special needs for different kids. All set to go.

Discussion Items:

Food Service Two proposals received, one from Café Services and the other, Abbey Group. There were significant differences in the two proposals. Discussion followed on wheat products vs multi grain products and different tastes. Will compile feedback and discuss with Café Services.

Motion to accept bid from Café Services

Motion: Melisa Farrell

Second: Kathleen Mack

Principals Search Kyla Welch wants to start search process and form a committee soon. Have 5 applicants so far. Form a committee to get started on interview process. Have two interested teachers and the Board so far. Staff has put together one document of what they want committee to consider. Discussion followed on how to form the committee and who should be on it: school board, 2 teachers, parent rep and student rep Final vote comes down to school board. Tonia Orlando agreed to be available to assist new person.

Other Business

Kyla Welch recommended nomination Nicole Oesch for K-1 teacher for 2016-2017 school year.

Motion made to accept by Melisa Farrell Second Kathleen Mack

Nominate ½ Special Education Teacher/Special Education Aide to Suzanne Cosgrave.

Motion made to accept by Melisa Second Kathleen Mack

Accept the resignation of Camille Patrie .2 Physical Ed teacher at the end of the 2016 school year

Motion made to accept by Melisa Farrell Second Kathleen Mack

Accept the resignation of Stan Harbery. Paraprofessional Last day Fri the 13th
Motion made to accept by Kathleen Mack Second Melisa Farrell

Nominate the Support staff slate as read
Kathleen Mack made a motion to accept as read Second Melisa Farrell

Other Business

In reviewing the existing FY 16 budget and evaluating the District's Special Education commitments, the Board issued a purchase order for \$50,000 for the Plymouth School District's L-5 program.

Melisa Farrell made a motion to approve the issuing of the purchase order for \$50,000 to the Plymouth School District L-5 program. Kathleen Mack seconded.

Discussion on spraying for ticks. Not sure if it is an issue. Decided to evaluate the need, costs, and safety uses. We could do a clothing check and skin check. So close to the end of the year. Put in newsletter and do frequent monitoring.

Privilege of the Floor: Discussion on air conditioning. Five in the building. Three don't have air conditioning. John will look into price on air conditioning.

Motion made by Kathleen Mack for Pre approval to spend up to \$2,000 on air conditioning for rooms that don't have it. Second Melisa Farrell

Will do a summer reading program. High School Librarian will come and talk to 8th graders about book to read It was suggested that students could do a math component online, perhaps add the element of a contest.

Consent Items:

Claims and Payroll: Approved and signed by all school board members

Correspondence: None

Future meetings: June 20th 3:30 non public and 4:00 public

Motion to adjourn public session at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Melisa Farrell Second: Kathleen Mack

Respectfully Submitted: Martha E. Morrill