

Fayston Elementary School
Fayston, Vermont 05673

Board of School Directors
Regular Meeting
Official Minutes
October 20, 2009 @ 6:00 PM - Fayston School

Board Members Present: Susan Daley, Michael Riddell, Bob Lockett, Russell Beilke, Jean Wry
Others Present: Chris Dodge, Howard Wynn (dep 8:43), Carla Lewis (dep 8:42) Michelle Baker (arr 6:10, dep 7:40) Jean Joslin* (arr 6:05), Doreen Kelly* (arr 6:25), Sharon Cote*, Erika Lindberg*, MJ Wright*, Nancy Coombs*, Beth Abbott-Koch*, Erin Koch*, Cristal Vasseur*, Jean Goldhammer*, Justina Boyden*, Doug Bergstein*
*left at 7:05

6:00 Mike called the meeting to order

6:01 Agenda Review, Additions, and Acceptance: Mike made some introductions around. Chris indicated a few changes to the agenda.

6:02 Citizens' Time: Howard asked some questions. All questions will be answered during the duration of the meeting. Most were clarifications.

6:07 Staff Time

The staff gave a presentation on Classroom Configurations and Use of Staff

Carla began with a handout and review of definitions of different configurations.

Next handout was a chart showing how FES would look with different configuration options.

Pros and cons and history of configuration options were presented.

Doug discussed/showed one method the staff uses to make student placement and configuration decisions.

Several questions were asked by the board and answered by staff.

7:05 Michelle reviewed highlights of the audit of FY 08/09.

A preliminary look was given at how Act 82 will impact FES this coming budget season.

A discussion regarding "where do we go in the budgeting" was had.

At this time there is still a lot of information, out of our control, needed before the real process can begin.

Indicators show that we will be losing our Small School Grant Funding.

7:40 Principal's Report: A few clarification questions about mailed report were answered.

7:50 Update: Executive Committee:

- The negotiating committee for the master contract has been established. Chris Leopold will be used again as the board negotiator.
- A review process for principals has been developed and will be used this year.
- A master schedule for all of the work WW Ex Co is doing has been established, it is full.
- A protocol for policy development and adoption has been established. This will save time for many boards and administrators as well as create consistency in the WWSU for state required policies.

8:00 General Business

- Susie provided a reporting about the VSBA Conference: Keynote topic was the state of education in the US vs. the global picture. Policy Governance, Labor relations and contracts, Unruly citizens at meetings were all workshop topics she participated in.
- Move-in and how they will be funded under the preschool partnership was discussed. All confirmed that should a child move in and there be no space at FES their costs will be covered in a partner school as the agreement allows for.
- H1N1 – there is quite a bit of confusion, much coming from the Dept of Health. Chris explained how we are doing the process as FES.
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A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Russell to approve Job Descriptions for Custodian and Principal. Passed unanimously.

Chris requested we add a part-time, 10 hours per week, custodian.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Mike to add a 10 hour per week custodian position for the remainder of the school year. Four in favor, Mike, Bob, Susan, Jean, one abstain, Russell, motion passed.

A motion was made to adopt the policies of "Student Medication in School" and "Abuse and Neglect Reporting" as presented. Passed unanimously.

Other: Chris will be responding to the letter received by the board from a parent, kindergarten questions.

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Mike to approve the minutes of 9/4 and 9/15 as amended. Passed unanimously.

8:47 A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Susan to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by Jean Wry