

**TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5-11-2015-DRAFT
7:00 pm**

Present: Brud Sanderson, Deidre Beattie, Al Claussen, Cliff Passino, April Chase, Members of the Board, Steven John, Superintendent, Heidi Russ, Administrative Assistant, Michael Kolsun, Member of the Public, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Absent: Deborah Leggott, Principal

Call to Order: Al called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Additions and Deletions: Add to Executive Session: Steven asked to add Personnel Contract

Members of the Public: Michael Kolsun

Al made a motion to move the agenda out of order: New business: water usage up to Members of the Public. Motion carried.

Michael is opening a Hot Dog Cart near his home on the Common. The State of Vt. inspector has told Michael that he can not use his household water at the hot dog cart. Michael attended the meeting to ask the school if there was a possibility he could work something out with the school to use some of their water, he would not go into the building he would have a spicket on the outside of the building. The season for the business will be from 11-4, 4 days a week, this is a tentative schedule. Brud mentioned that we will need a release of liability by using the school's water. Steven, Deborah and Heidi will work on the liability waiver. Michael is looking to start his business in June. No compensation to the school will be required for the use of the water. Cliff made a motion to approve the use of 5 gallons of water per day contingent upon a signed liability waiver by Michael Kolsun. Motion carried.

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Consent Calendar:

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Minutes for April 13, 2015

Heidi wanted to make sure the board was aware that our water has been tested before it is treated with our present disinfection system and found to be pure and potable before treatment. Duifresne Consulting Engineering from Manchester, Vt. will start work on the stand-by chlorination system.

Superintendent's Report: Steven wanted to make sure all the board members have a copy of the special education article, this was the original document from Marlboro re: special education. Steven told the board that they need to instruct your representatives on the 27th. Steven said he was not sure if it will come to a vote on the 27th. This proposal could be modified. The legislature has voted this out of the senate now it has gone to the conference committee. Hopefully by the 27th there will have been a briefing regarding this issue. Steven presented some information regarding the competitive energy services; the deadline for contracting with one of these services is May 22nd. Steven presented to the board an article from Ed Metcalfe regarding small schools being punished for big school spending and John Moran's article was on the reverse side. Steven mentioned that there had been 3 articles in the Brattleboro Reformer concerning Special Education. Support staff contracts will be coming but not sure when; there is no certain date that needs to be met. The bargaining unit for the support staff did not want to do anything with the contract until after the teachers contract had been settled.

April made a motion to approve the consent calendar unanimously. Consent calendar was passed without objection.

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Treasurer and Financial Reports: Steven went over the revenue statement with the board as of April 30, 2015. The bid for auditing has been issued-Vincent (Bud) sent this out. There was a check mark in the last column for \$19,000-this was an error and has been corrected, the check has been received. Bud gave the board information on where they would be at the end of the year, the information has not changed. Bud is looking at oil prices for next year. Bud will be at the next meeting and available to answer any questions.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Al made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as read: Payroll PO#65 \$18,614.08, Payroll PO#66 \$11,647.86, Payroll PO#67 \$15,664.36, Payroll PO#68 \$7,274.05 and Vendor Warrant PO#69 \$24,248.96. No discussion. Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders as read.

Reports of Administration and Committees:

None

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. Notification: last day of school is June 18th and Grade 6 graduation is on June 16th at 6:30 p.m. There is a question about ½ day the last day of school. This will be directed to Deborah and will be addressed at the next board meeting.
- b. Water testing results (pre-treatment): Good to go.

New Business:

- a. Scott Guenther School Board Member survey-he is asking for board member feedback. This takes about 10 minutes to do. Al did the survey and let other board members know about it.
- b. Residency issue: Completion of the year by a couple of students, even though the parent has moved out of town. Steven's recommendation is to let the students continue for the remainder of the year.

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Cliff made a motion to allow the two students to attend TES through the end of the school year even though their parent has re-located. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Al had the Grace Cottage Water Flow Report: No problems. Heidi took the report to file.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. TES School Board Meeting, June 8, 2015
- b. WCSU Board Meeting, May 27, 2015 at Leland and Gray @ 7 pm.
- c. VSBA Training Session for Superintendents and Board Chairs, May 20, 2015 at Lake Mowrey, 12-8

Executive Session:

Brud made a motion to enter executive session at 8:35 pm with Al, Deidre, Cliff, April and Steven to discuss a personnel contract.

Brud made a motion to leave executive session at 8:42 p.m.

April made a motion to “Direct the Superintendent to offer a contract to the principal as recommended for FY16.

Deidre seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dedire made a motion to adjourn the TSB meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder

