

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
@ TOWNSHEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12-12-16-DRAFT
7:00 PM

Present: Al Claussen, Manse Jennings, Brud Sanderson, Cliff Passino, Eric Scott, Members of the Board, Deborah Leggott, Principal, Bill Anton, Superintendent, Laurie Garland, Business Manager @ WCSU, Jen McKusick, WCSU, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Call to Order: Al called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Additions and Deletions: None

Members of the Public: None

Consent Calendar:

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Minutes for November 14, 2016

Principal's Report: Brud asked Deborah about the Security/Safety Report. Main thing was front door, need to put plexi glass or bullet proof at least half way up to prevent anyone from getting in the building, this is very expensive. Deborah is looking into ways to take care of this.

Superintendent's Report highlights: Bill asked the board to add 4 professional learning days and use 4 student days for this purpose. This would be 176 student days opposed to 180 student days. This is the kind of thing teachers have been asking for. Bill is asking the board to talk about this and in January it will be brought back to the table for a decision. The calendar will be locked down in March for next school year.

We were selected to be one of the districts out of 10 supervisory unions to get a special education audit. We will get district manager counsel.

Brud made a motion to approve the consent calendar as written. Motion carried.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Al asked for a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO #38 \$19,490.81, Payroll PO #39 \$11,411.11, Payroll PO #40 \$16,405.82, Payroll PO #41 \$6,968.78, and Vendor Warrant PO #42 \$31,840.02. No discussion. Brud made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as read. Motion carried.

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Reports of Administration and Committees L&G Towns Study Committee, recent meeting recaps. The Article of Agreement was submitted to the secretary of education and the feedback is that it will probably be okay. The changes have already been sent in. At the beginning of January we will get the final feedback the final process will be with meetings with all the towns; then a larger meeting for all towns for those that can't attend one of them. They are going to invite people and the meetings will not be held at school or at board meetings. All 5 of the meetings will try to be fit in before town meetings. The board members were asked to get the word out to everyone that they need to attend.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. Principal transition update: Deborah reported that we have 2 committees established. Every parent that asked to be on one committee or the other did not get turned away and all the teachers will be on both committees. Eric Scott and Cliff Passino will be on interviewing committee. Reading resumes Cliff Passino and Al Claussen. Bill will advertise this position at the beginning of January.
- b. FY 18 Budget, areas of focus:
Overall budget: Laurie reported since last time she has added revenues. Medicaid is up from FY 16. Food \$35,000 instead of the \$42,000 we are only getting billed for the net cost. Expenses: Pre-K K teacher at an expense of \$82,000 with benefits. The para position will remain in the regular ed line. A lengthy discussion ensued. Laurie will be doing a narrative for the board. Need to cut \$13 or \$14,000 from the current budget at this point. Deborah and Al will do some thinking on how to cut the budget more and get to the threshold or below. As soon as Laurie has equalized pupil she will send to the board members.

New Business:

- a. WCSU Draft Calendar discussion: See Above
- b. What would we like to find out about L'After? Al received a letter from L'After and they want to know what information would be helpful for the board to know about the program. A representative from the program will attend the January meeting to discuss the program.
- c. Town Meeting reporting needs-Chair, Principal, and Superintendent letters; warning Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness; FY 18 Budget, Act 130 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate Calculation and Three Prior Years Comparisons. This will need to be submitted by mid-January.

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Correspondence: No correspondence.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. TES School Board Meeting, January 9, 2017
- b. January Meeting-schools boards evaluate Superintendent
- c. WCSU Reorganization Meeting, March 22, 2017 @ L&G 7 pm

Executive Session: At 8:37 AM, Cliff, Brud, Manse, Eric, Bill, Laurie and Deborah entered executive session to discuss contractual matters.

No resolution.

At 8:57 pm AM, Cliff, Brud, Manse, Eric, Bill, Laurie and Deborah left executive session.

Cliff made a motion to adjourn at 8:58pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder