

TOWNSHEND SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
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9-10-18 draft
6:30 pm.

Present: Al Claussen, Sean O’Deau, Cliff Passino, Eric Scott, Kristina Wright, Members of the Board, Craig Roach, Principal, Judy Hawkins, Recorder

Call to Order: Al called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Additions and Deletions: None

Members of the Public: Spencer Claussen, Josanna Passino, Tammy Claussen

Consent Calendar:

- a. Principal’s Report
- b. Superintendent’s Cabinet Report
- c. Minutes for August 13, 2018

Cliff made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer and financial reports: Craig reported to the board that additional spending was needed the week leading up to school when it was very humid and he went to ServPro and got some humidifiers. An additional \$1000 was spent due to an unanticipated expense because of the weather.

Bills and Purchase Orders: Cliff made a motion to approve the bills and purchase orders as follows: Pay Order PO#22 \$10,949.73, Pay Order #23 \$7,102.07, Pay Order PO # 24 \$13,531.88 Pay Order # 25 \$5,955.17, Vendor Warrant PO #26 \$43,285.90. No discussion. Kristina made a motion to approve the bills and purchase orders as read. Motion carried.

Reports of Administration and Committees: None

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- a. WRED Meeting Topic discussion-6th grade, School Choice, Early Learning
- b. Recycling bins in multi-purpose room. Heidi said plastic and glass is done by kitchen manager. This goes to the recycling by the dumpster. Craig will research recycling and re-education and re-introduction of recycling and composting.

New Business:

- a. Start of the school year: Josanna and Spencer presented concerns re: lunch issues. Josanna put a petition together regarding lunch and eating with their friends at lunch. Spencer read the petition regarding the wish to socialize with other students at lunch, get to know other students, etc. Craig reported that one of things we did last year because of budget constraints, was to cut Randy (custodian) hours. He explained that because of the mess in the lunch room the staff and Mr. Roach had to go up after lunch and clean up after the students. Mr. Roach told Spencer and

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Joanna that the thought behind this was that students eating in their classroom would take pride in their classroom and keep it clean. Craig has asked staff about breakfast and lunches. They all said the kids are taking responsibilities for keeping things clean and picked up. There are opportunities for students to do mixed grades and social interaction within the school, this isn't the time right now. He suggested this is something that might happen on Fridays. Craig will come back with a list of possibilities for social interaction for lunch time.

- b. Outdoor classroom: Craig said there was a discussion last year about what is available to schools. He suggested an outdoor classroom could be built. He presented a picture for the board to look at. Craig said this is a project he could take on and he could do the fundraising. It will have a pastoral scene and it is very shaded in the space he has picked for the outdoor classroom. The board thought this was a good idea. Cliff made a motion to move forward with the outdoor classroom project. Motion carried.
- c. Winter Sports update: Kris Jerz and Craig met last week to solidify programs that we are going to have available. The following activities will be available: Dance, skiing, skating, bowling, and swimming. Craig raised the question should JISP be 6 or 8 weeks? Craig reported that SBAC and proficiency scores have gone down, we are at a 3-year low. Al feels the students need some homework. There was a lengthy discussion regarding homework, how long JISP should be. Cliff made a motion to have 8 weeks for JISP this year. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Water Flow Report for August no problem.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. TES Board Meeting, October 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
- b. WRMEUD Meetings, September 11 and October 2, 7 pm @ L&G
- c. WCSU Fall Retreat, September 26, 2018 7 pm @ Mt. Snow

Executive Session: None

Adjourn:

Cliff made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder

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