

Brooksville School Committee Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2016 – 5:00pm
Brooksville Elementary School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair, Charles Tarr, followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Charles Tarr, Brad Jones, Helen Condon, Matt Freedman, Patty Tapley

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mark Hurvitt, Todd Nelson, Ray Pata, Katie Pundt, Gail Ladd, Ralph Chapman, Edson B. Blodgett, Becky Poole, Cammie Lepper, Jason Lepper, Nada C. Lepper, E. Altman, John Altman, Joanne Kimball, Amelia Poole, Rhoda Burke, Susanne C. Dodge, Oakley Clifford

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

A motion was made by Brad Jones, seconded by Helen Condon, to approve minutes of the October 3, 2016; October 3, 2016 Special Meeting and October 24, 2016 Special Meeting.

Motion passed 5-0.

D. Communications

Teacher Presentation

Todd Nelson gave a Language Arts (Grade 7-8) presentation using poetry by Billy Collins and Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain to illustrate the structure of good writing in his class, and to increase the vocabulary and the engagement for his students. He also used the GSA rubric to prepare students for high school English.

E. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Brad Jones, seconded by Helen Condon, to approve the agenda.

Motion passed 5-0.

F. Comments and Questions from the Public

1. Ralph Chapman questioned the October 24, 2016 executive session the Board entered.
2. Rhoda Clifford wanted to meet with the Board (Mark will meet with her first).
3. Susanne Dodge wanted to know the rules for disposing of excess food.
4. There was a comment made about the attendance of the boys' "A" basketball coach. (Todd will look into it).

G. Reports

1. GSA Report

Next meeting will be on November 15, 2016 at 5:00pm.

2. Principal's Report

1. New Fire Marshall toured the building.
2. For December, review facility use policy in light of the kitchen not being left in good shape last week. Maybe require a deposit?
3. Todd Nelson reminded the Board that the generator is up and running, even though it wasn't at this time last year.

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4. The Principal's Report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

3. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Hurvitt read the IDEA communication letter from the DOE. He also handed out the budget meeting schedule.

4. Other Reports

1) DISHS Report

The DISHS report was handed out and is attached to the office minutes.

H. Old Business

1. Policy # 6501 – Policy Concerning School Sponsored Activities on Sundays (Second Reading)

A motion was made by Brad Jones, seconded by Helen Condon, to approve.

Motion passed 5-0.

I. New Business

1. Possible Delegation of Votes for Union Board meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 5:30pm at the Penobscot Community School

None.

2. October 1, 2016 Enrollments

Noted.

3. Board Representation on Steering Committee Meeting on November 10, 2016 at 4:00

Matt Freedman and Patty Tapley will be the representatives.

4. Possible Executive Session Pursuant to 405 (6)(A) Appointment of Officials/Appointees/Employees

A motion was made by Brad Jones, seconded by Helen Condon, to enter Executive Session at 5:28pm with Todd Nelson and Mark Hurvitt.

Motion passed 4-0 (Matt Freedman abstained)

Exited Executive Session at 5:38pm.

Charles Tarr proposed that the Board approve the resignation agreement, dated November 7, 2016, with Todd Nelson. A motion was made by Brad Jones, seconded by Helen Condon, to approve the proposal.

Motion passed 4-1 (Matt Freedman)

At that point, Mark explained:

1. Todd Nelson and the Board have mutually agreed that his last day of work at Brooksville Elementary School will be on December 31, 2016.
2. We will be advertising for a middle school Language Arts/Social Studies half-time long term sub to start on January 3, 2017.
3. We will be setting up a special meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 5:00pm to discuss leadership options from January – June 2017.
4. Mark will communicate all of this to Mary Jane McCallum, as it will affect her work with the Steering Committee, on November 10, 2016.
5. As this is a personnel issue, there will be no more commentary.

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J. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Teacher Presentation

Review of Policy # 1320 – Policy Regarding the Use of School Facilities and School Equipment

Possible Delegation of Votes for Union Board meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at

5:30pm at the Penobscot Community School

K. Signing of vouchers

Completed.

L. Adjournment – The

meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm by Chair, Charles Tarr.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Hurvitt
Superintendent of Schools

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