

New Salem/Wendell School Committee
THURSDAY, June 2, 2022
7 PM

REMOTE MEETING-GOOGLE MEET FINAL MINUTES

Attending: Steven Blinder, Miriam Warner, Johanna Bartlett, Elizabeth Devlin, Barbara Doyle Anna Wetherby (minutes), school committee members; [Kelley Sullivan](#), principal; Caitlin Sheridan, director of finance and operations

Teachers: Gosia Spooner, Karie Neal

Public: Charlsie Gorski, Mandy Blackbird, Sarah Vular

A. Call Meeting to Order - Johanna called the meeting to order at 7:00

B. Public Hearings - none

C. Warrants –

8230 - \$92,270.54; 8240 - \$96,400.10; 8241- \$33,563.06; 8242 - \$43,521.39; 423 - \$83,133.01; 424 - \$87,532.85; 823 -\$25,788.97; 824 -\$25,788.87 4052 -\$2,790.91; 4053 -\$1,026.18; 4054 -\$30,962.62; 4055 - \$4,675.05; 4056 - \$1,662.67; 4057 - \$43,584.512; 824 - \$16,132.27; 2825 - \$601.31

D. Superintendent's Report - submitted in writing

- Remember to complete the superintendent evaluation

E. Director of Finance and Operations Report

- Attended a conference for School Financial Directors
- Got E&D certified - 20,000 short due to final payment of windows and doors project not to come in until August
- End of Year Transfers –
 - From General Fund: \$18,800
To Enchanted Forest Revolving: \$18,800
 - From General Fund: \$6,700
To Student Activity Revolving: \$6,700
 - From General Fund: \$2,000
To Food Service Revolving: \$2,000

Anna moves to vote on all three transfers in one vote, Barbara seconds - vote taken by roll call - passes unanimously

Discussion of causes and need for fund transfers: food services often run in deficit; Enchanted Forest is working to recover funds - students with support in the school day need support for E.F. If the money owed is paid by the families, the funds will transfer back to the general fund.

Anna moves to approve the transfer of requested funds by the Director of Finance and Operations, Steven seconds - vote taken by roll call, passes unanimously

- Overall budget increase for FY23 - 2.48%. Wendell increased 5.22%

F. Principal's Report

- Needed to replace the water heater
- Tree struck by lightning on the nature trail
- 6th grade performed living history museum outside. Families attended
- 4th and 5th grade have been doing STEM activities
- Field trips for many classes
- Community Sing happens on Fridays outdoors, the community welcome
- 100-mile club celebration, Talent show - June 10

G. Committee Reports

- Report from Mahar Representatives
 - Reps no at the meeting - report passed over
- Collaborative for Education Services
 - End of year wrap-up
- Massachusetts Association of School Committees
 - Charting the Course was very worthwhile
 - Required of all committee members - certificate to be handed to Town Clerk
- Joint Supervisory – Next Meeting – June 13, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

H. June Items

- Proposed School Committee Meeting Schedule FY23 –
 - Proposal of moving November meeting to October
 - Proposal of opening up meeting date to a different day of the week
 - Vote tabled until more information is gathered
- Home School Application – Discussion and Vote
 - Miriam moves to approve home school application for Student 16, Elizabeth seconds; vote taken by roll call - passes with one abstention
- Summer Warrant Sub-Committee -
 - Anna moves to have Anna, Barbara, and Beth as warrant signers for the summer with Carla and Miriam as alternates, Barbara seconds; vote taken by roll call - passes unanimously
- Policy Update and Review:
 - First Reading on:
 - Second Reading, First Vote on:
 - JEB – Entrance Age
 - Tabled to the next meeting
 - JI – Students Rights and Responsibilities
 - Anna moves to take first vote on JI - Barbara seconds - passes unanimously
 - Final Vote on:
 - IHAMA – Sex Education Curriculum*
 - IHBA – Observations of Special Education Programs*
 - GBK – Staff Complaints and Grievances*
 - HF – School Committee Negotiating Agents*
 - IE – Organization of Instruction*
 - Anna moves to vote on the above policies in one vote, Barbara seconds - vote taken by roll call - passes unanimously
 - Anna moves to take the final vote on the above policies, Elizabeth seconds - vote taken by roll call - passes with one abstention
 - Second and Final Vote on Deletion of Policy:
 - JHC – Early Dismissal of Student by School Policy*
 - Anna moves to delete policy JHC, Elizabeth seconds; vote taken by roll call passes with one

abstention

- JHD – Observance of Religious Holidays*

Anna moves to delete policy JHD, Elizabeth seconds; vote taken by roll call, passes unanimously

I. Future Business

- Wendell Annual Town Meeting – Saturday, June 4, 2022
- New Salem Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, June 7, 2022
- Next Meeting Date – September 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- New Salem/Wendell Policy Committee – September 1, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

J. Approval of Minutes:

- May 5, 2022

Elizabeth moves to approve minutes from May 5, Steve seconds; vote taken by roll call; passes unanimously

Gratitude and appreciation for [Johanna Bartlett](#)

K. Adjournment

Anna moves to adjourn, Miriam seconds, passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:49