

BATH VILLAGE SCHOOL - BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2018

Bath Village School Library

Board Members Present: Angela Bemis, Heather Engle and Matt Mulcahy.

Administration Present: Laurie Melanson, Kathryn Ducharme, Bernice Burroughs and Bert Vines.

Public Present: Carissa Sanborn

Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Sign Manifests: The board signed manifests as presented.

Agenda Review/Adjustments: No adjustments were made to the agenda.

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes: Mulcahy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2017 meeting, seconded by Engle, all in favor.

Administrator's Reports:

Laurie Melanson, Superintendent – The Superintendent's report was included in the board packet. Melanson informed the board that she had been approached by a school board member from another board that had brought to her attention that they believed that the voting process used at the SAU meetings was not correct. Melanson has looked into the statute regarding SAU voting and has received an opinion from legal counsel. Melanson indicated that she would be further addressing this issue at the next SAU meeting and wanted to give the board a heads up about the issue.

Bert Vines, Facilities Manager - The Facilities Manager's report was distributed at the meeting which Vines reviewed with the board.

Kathryn Ducharme, Business Administrator - The Business Administrator's report was included in the board packet. With the addition of anticipated special education costs, approximately \$236,000.00 of the overall budget increase is due to either special or regular tuition. Mulcahy requested that a graph be created as a visual aide that includes several academic years looking back and going forward as well as the number of students in 6th grade, or anticipated to be in 6th grade and the tuition paid. Ducharme inquired whether or not the board wished to have warrant articles relating to trust funds included on the warrant. The board questioned whether they would have to place the funds into the trust funds if the warrants passed or if they could choose to return any surplus even if the warrants passed. Ducharme indicated that she would contact the DRA to find out the correct answer.

The discussion of whether to bring a STEM teacher/library media specialist in-house rather than continuing to attend the Bath Town Library was a better option for the students was continued from last month's meeting. There would be an additional cost of \$910.00 to the school budget to bring this service in house. There was a discussion regarding the educational benefits of adding STEM type learning to the school. The board asked that the additional \$910.00 be included in the budget in order to accomplish this.

Bernice Burroughs, Principal - The Principal's report was included in the board packet. There was a discussion about the winter activities and the need to cancel the first two weeks due to weather conditions and how these would be made up. The board asked Burroughs to send a letter home to participants to inform them of the plan for make-up because many parents had questions about how this would work. Burroughs indicated that the correct date for the play is Mach 16, 2018.

Nancy Schloss, SPED Director - The SPED Director's report was included in the board packet.

Tuition Discussion: Melanson indicated that she had spoken with Pierre Couture regarding the proposed tuition agreement. Melanson indicated the Couture had spoken with his board and they would extend the same tuition discount for high school students only. The board asked Melanson to confirm that if a three year agreement was signed and in the 2nd or 3rd year only high school students attended the same discounts would apply.

Salaries Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding salaries and benefits for support staff.

Policies: Mulcahy made a motion to accept policies GBEF & GBEF-R (School Internet Access for Staff), seconded by Engle, all in favor.

Public Input: None.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2018 at 5:30pm with the annual budget hearing beginning at 6:30 pm.

Non-Public: None.

Mulcahy made a motion to adjourn at 7:17pm, seconded by Bemis, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela D. Bemis