

Monday, February 6, 2017
Veazie School Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Veazie Community School Library

The Veazie School Administrative Unit Committee met at the Veazie Community School Library on Monday, February 6, 2017. Kristen Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. School Committee members present were: Kristen Bagley, Paul Dupuis, William Reed, Kristen Sheranian and Valli Vel. Principal Matthew Cyr and Superintendent Richard Lyons were also in attendance.

Assistant Superintendent Emil Genest was excused.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017

Reed moved, Dupuis seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017.

IV. Adjustment to Agenda

None.

V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee

None.

VI. Acknowledgements

Principal Cyr acknowledged Brian Gonyar for his Athletic Director leadership. Veazie Community School has been hosting Mid-Maine League Basketball tournaments for years. Brian does an excellent job coordinating these, and all other, sporting events.

VII. Board Chair

None.

VIII. Personnel

A. Resignations

None.

B. Nominations

None.

IX. Principal's Report

- Principal Cyr discussed work on the FY18 budget. This included discussion of declining student enrollment as well as cost saving adjustments made to the current FY17 budget.
- Incoming Pre-K registrations are favorable and indicate a stable enrollment for next year.
- Principal Cyr announced that his Revolving Renovation Fund Project was approved by the Department of Education. The main entrance of the school will be reengineered to remedy drainage and snow load concerns.
- Veazie Community School math team placed 4th at the regional competition and a Veazie Community School student placed 1st in the speed round!
- Principal Cyr will submit an Educational Efficiencies and Opportunities Grant to the Department of Education to fund a five-year IT services contract with RSU #22.

X. Superintendent's Report

A. January Financials

Superintendent Lyons indicated that our FY17 finances are in good shape.

B. MSMA Newsletter

Mr. Lyons summarized this for the Committee:

- ED279s (state aid spreadsheets) will be issued much later this year

The Governor's proposals are:

- \$9.5 million reduction in General Purpose Aid
- Shift all system administrative costs to local municipalities
- Remove declining enrollment buffer
- Much lobbying will occur with concerns over these proposals

C. Negotiations

Intent letters to negotiate teacher and support staff collective bargaining contracts have been received, and meeting dates will be set.

Superintendent Lyons requested at least one School Committee member join Assistant Superintendent Genest, Principal Cyr and him on the negotiating team.

D. Administrative Services

Superintendent Lyons requested that the School Committee make a decision on how they wish to proceed with administrative services, by the April/May time frame. Does the Committee wish to write a regional grant, and do they wish to advertise a formal Request for Proposal?

XI. New Business

A. Discuss and act on first reading of 2017-2018 school calendar.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Lyons, Reed moved, Dupuis seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the 2017-2018 school calendar.

B. Discuss and act on grant proposal.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Lyons, Reed moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve submission of the Educational Efficiencies and Opportunities Grant

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. Board Policy

A. Discuss second reading and adoption of Policy GCK, Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Lyons, Reed moved, Sheranian seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve and adopt Policy GCK, Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers.

XIV. Request For Information

None.

XV. Executive Session

None.

XVI. Next Meeting - March 6, 2017

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Bagley, Chair

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Richard A. Lyons,
Superintendent of Schools