

Monday, February 2, 2015
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 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. School committee members present were Gavin Batchelder, Kristen Bagley, Bill Reed, and Valli Vel. Principal Scott Nichols and Superintendent Richard Lyons were also in attendance.

Excused: Julia Hathaway

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 5, 2015

Reed moved, Bagley seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2015.

IV. Adjustment to Agenda

None.

V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee

None.

VI. Acknowledgements

Superintendent Lyons, for Board Vice-chair Julia Hathaway, acknowledged Orono High School C.O.R.E. Director Andrew Frace who passed away unexpectedly last week. Superintendent Lyons noted that Mr. Frace previously taught and coached at Hampden Academy.

Board Chair Gavin Batchelder acknowledged the recent spelling bee event.

Principal Scott Nichols acknowledged Veazie Gifted & Talented teacher, Wendy Pearson.

Superintendent Lyons acknowledged the Veazie Teachers' Association who worked with the School Committee to revise the health insurance language in collective bargaining agreements to comply with the Affordable Care Act, for school systems less than 50 employees.

VII. Board Chair

A. Chair

None.

B. Vice Chair

None.

VIII. Personnel

A. Resignations

None.

B. Nominations

Upon recommendation of Principal Nichols, Vel moved, Reed seconded, and the Committee voted 4-0 to approve Garret White as Chess Club Coach.

IX. Principal's Report

Principal Nichols presented the principal's report. There were no questions or comments.

X. Superintendent's Report

A. January Financial Statement

Superintendent Lyons briefly reviewed the January report.

B. Governors Proposed Budget

Superintendent Lyons briefly reviewed the Governor's proposed budget and highlighted the local mill rate increase from 8.1 to 8.4.

C. January 26th Town Council Meeting

Superintendent Lyons noted he met with the Veazie Town Council on January 26, 2015 pertaining to the final audit for RSU #26.

D. Legislative Update

Various current proposed bills were highlighted.

E. Principal - Teacher Evaluation System

The Maine model was rejected by the federal government as it pertains to student achievement and student growth. The model must be approved by the federal government, or the state risks the loss of federal subsidy.

XI. New Business

A. Discuss collective bargaining contract pertaining to health insurance and the Affordable Care Act.

The School Committee and the Teachers' Association agreed on changes in the contract language. This topic will be brought back to the Committee in March for endorsement.

B. Discuss and act on Botball (Robotics) competition.

Laurie Gott gave an overview of the Botball (Robotics) competition. Reed moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted 4-0 to approve.

C. Discuss and act on Grade 7 science camp.

Laurie Gott gave an overview of the Tangelwood Science Camp in Lincolnville. Reed moved, Bagley seconded, and the Committee voted 4-0 to approve.

XII. Old Business

A. Discuss information relating to busing for Bangor secondary students.

Superintendent Lyons gave an overview of the present bus run. He will be in contact with John Bapst Head of School, Mel MacKay, to see if Veazie students could take advantage of the existing bus run, and will report back at the next School Committee meeting.

XIII. Board Policy

None.

XIV. Request For Information

None.

XV. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, according to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

At 7:25 p.m. Reed moved, Bagley seconded, and the Committee voted 4-0 to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter, according to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

The Committee entered back into regular session at 7:35 p.m.

XVI. Next Meeting - March 2, 2015

XVII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Lyons
Superintendent of Schools