

FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 12, 2017

6:30 P.M.

LIBRARY, FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call To Order...** Chairlady Elaine Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Roll Call – R. Holland absent

2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None

3. Consideration of the Minutes
 - 3.1 Approve the minutes of 12.8.16 Regular Meeting

Motion T. Maxwell

Seconded E. Wilcox

Vote 3/0/1

4. **Communications/Public Comments**

Nancy Cronin commented that she is very happy with the atmosphere at school. She also noted that she is currently doing a survey to compare towns' median income, subsidies and census numbers as well as mil rates, to see what percentage of mil rates is going to schools. She is hoping to gain a better understanding of how median incomes indicate school subsidies. She will share the results when she has completed her research.

5. **Reports**

- 5.1 Superintendent's Report – Supt. Hodgkin noted that he had spoken to Town Manager Robinson and that he asked that we have a discussion/explanation about the ED 279. Supt. Cormier, a professor of school finance, will come to Fayette to give that presentation on January 30, 2017.
Supt. Hodgkin also shared that he has contacted Drummond & Woodsum for an update on the roof claim, but has not received further information at this time.
Supt. Hodgkin noted that he attended the Marlee Johnston event at Kents Hill School last weekend, and encountered a Fayette student competing in the skiing events.

- 5.2 Principal's Report – In addition to the Principal's Report that had been provided to the School Committee, Prin. Blue gave an update on the Bananagrams Challenge, a brief synopsis of how the game is played, and how well it is going. She noted that she enjoys the whole school meetings that are organized and implemented by Grade 5 students. She gave a brief overview of the lesson on empathy that took place at the last whole school Morning Meeting. She has invited teachers to take part in webinars that are offered.

6. **Old Business**

- 6.1 Update on heating system - Supt. Hodgkin gave an overview of the problems we were having with the oil tanks. It became evident from recent issues that we have been having that having one oil tank would be best. We have received three estimates to replace the three tanks with one, 1000 gal. tank. The old tanks will be replaced on Monday and Tuesday, 1/16 and 1/17/17. The old tanks will be taken to the Town of Fayette.

To accept the bid of \$5885.00 from Precision Tanks, Inc., to remove the three existing tanks and replace them with one new, 1000 gallon tank.

Motion K. Ayer

Second D. Polky

Vote 4/0

7. **New Business**

- 7.1 Budget Process – Supt Hodgkin noted that he will work with Prin. Blue and Bookkeeper Rose to formulate the budget. He suggested we set up a budget meeting for the School Comm. prior to the meeting with the Town Budget Comm. It was noted that the School Comm. would meet, finalize a draft budget, and then meet with the Town's Budget Comm. to present a budget to the Town Selectmen. D. Polky noted that she would like the School Comm. to revisit any needs that have been identified in the recent past. The Comm. agreed to meet on March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. to finalize a draft budget. on 1/30/17 at 7:00 p.m.

7.1.1 Mtg. with Town Budget Comm., 1/30/17 & 4/24/17 – Supt. Hodgkin noted that a presentation/discussion of ED 279 will take place at the Fayette Central School on 1/30/17 at 7:00 p.m.

7.2 Custodian Job Description – Prin. Blue gave an overview of the custodian’s job description and is hoping to revise as she prepares to evaluate staff. Prin. Blue will update and present to School Comm. for further discussion.

8. School Committee Comments

E. Wilcox is asking that town officials be present to help serve at the **Keep Me Warm Supper on 2/4/17.**

Dr. Seuss Celebration - March 5, 2017 1 – 3:30 p.m.

D. Polky suggested that a discussion take place on the Building Use Policy that needs updating.

9. Adjournment

Without objection, Chairlady Wilcox declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Next regular monthly School Comm. meeting, **Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fayette Central School library.

Upcoming Events:

January 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Early Release – 2/1/17

Bananagrams Challenge 1/5/17 – 2/17/17

Presidents’ Day – 2/20/17

February Vacation – 2/21 – 2/24/17

2nd Trimester ends – 3/1/17

Respectfully submitted

James D. Hodgkin, Superintendent

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