

FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.
LIBRARY, FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order.... Chairlady Elaine Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Roll Call – all present
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Move executive session to earlier in agenda, (Section 5).
3. Consideration of the Minutes
 - 3.1 Approve the minutes of 3.9.17 Regular Meeting

Motion D. Polky Seconded K. Ayer Vote 4:0
4. Communications/Public Comments:
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Superintendent's Report – Supt. Hodgkin communicated that he heard from the BP roofing company regarding the claim on the faulty roof shingles. He forwarded the request to Mike Boesher at Drummond & Woodsum. Supt. Hodgkin opened a discussion regarding Fayette's contract with sending schools for Fayette students Grades 6-12, and is questioning whether there is a way to reach an agreement where we pay the State share to the receiving schools. This would mean roughly, a 50% reduction at Winthrop and RSU73, and a 25% reduction at RSU 38. Supt. Hodgkin will meet with the Superintendents of the Schools involved to see if an agreement can be reached. This could save a fair amount of money for Fayette and also reduces a volatile part of the budget (tuition). In addition, Nancy Cronin's proposal may be reintroduced next year that could also reduce our budget by around \$135,000.
 - 5.2 Principal's Report – Prin. Blue had provided the Sch. Comm. with her written report. She gave an overview of the "Faculty & Staff Check-In" that was recently completed. In an effort to improve communication, she has started the practice of emailing a communication to all staff on Sunday evenings that includes the events taking place at school for that week. Princ. Blue noted that she, E. Swimm, and C. Rose have been working on the Title I report. Prin. Blue noted that a community member approached her about the fact that the school doesn't recycle. D. Polky suggested that the school call the Town Mgr. to request that the Town transport the school's recyclables to the Town to assure that recyclables are actually deposited in the correct place. Prin. Blue will offer additional information on this at the next Sch. Comm. meeting. D. Polky noted the hazardous waste issue is coming up at the Town Meeting next month.

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A> §405(6)(D) to discuss Maintenance at 7:03 p.m.

Motion K. Ayer Second T. Maxwell Vote 5:0

Executive session ended at 8:07 p.m.
6. Old Business
 - 6.1 Budget Progress – Draft #3 – The budget is up \$159K. Supt. Hodgkin gave an overview of the budget increases and decreases. Insurance rates came in with a 5% increase. A discussion took place about the next step which will be a meeting with Sch. Comm., Selectmen and the town Budget Comm. scheduled to take place Monday, 4/24 @ 7:00 at the Fayette Central School.
7. New Business
 - 7.1 School Calendar 2017/18 – Supt. Hodgkin gave an overview of the proposed calendar. Prin. Blue explained that after meeting with staff, they are suggesting that Early Release days be consistent (same day of the week), to simplify, and to avoid having to change "specials", such as Art, P.E., and Music.

Motion R. Holland Second T. Maxwell Vote 5:0

- 7.2 Tutoring at FCS – Dana Graf, Ed Tech at FCS would like to use a space at the school to tutor this summer, July and August 2-3 times per week.

Motion to make exception to Policy KF to allow a Fayette Central School for the purpose of tutoring.

Motion T. Maxwell Second D. Polky Vote: 5/0

- 7.3 Policy JFB – Discussion – Supt. Hodgkin noted that he received a request from a parent of a Gr. 5 student going to the Maple Tree School for Gr. 6 to receive tuition monies from Fayette. Policy JFB states that Fayette pays tuition to state-approved schools. Currently Maple Tree School is not an approved by the DOE as a state approved school. K. Ayer noted that we should follow the policy in place. Supt Hodgkin noted that he supports that point of view and suggested that the Comm. revisit the policy carefully. D. Polky noted that the policy was reviewed last year by the policy Comm., and noted that the “state approval” is important. Another important issue would be to consider some type of cap on tuition rates paid to schools.

8. School Committee Comments:

9. Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A> §405(6)(D) - Maintenance (moved to Section #5 of the agenda).

10. Adjournment
Without objection, Chairlady Wilcox declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next regular monthly School Comm. meeting, **Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fayette Central School library.

Upcoming Events:

April 13th - 6:30 p.m. – Talent Show to benefit Gr. 5 end-of-year field trip

April 14th –1/2 day school/1/2 day Teacher Workshop

April 16th Easter

April 17 – 21st April vacation

Respectfully submitted

James D. Hodgkin, Superintendent

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