

T. Maxwell noted that if we gave Prin. Blue more days, she worries we could not get someone to do 25 days as Supt. Supt. Hodgkin replied he felt that would not be a problem.

M. Charland asked for the history of # of days that a supt. has worked at Fayette.

G. Joseph stated that the position started with Ken Smith and then morphed into Supt., then trained the principal to become both, and since then we have had this constant change.

R. Holland stated that in a practical manner, this is 7/13 and with school starting soon. In consideration of Prin. Blue, we need to form a committee soon to make a decision about how to proceed.

D. Polky offered that we, as a Board, should meet next week with Jim to decide how to proceed.

Prin. Blue noted she would like Jim to stay as an "agent", but also understands the other side.

Supt. Hodgkin noted that he recommended that the Sch. Comm. get together ASAP to decide which way to go.

G. Joseph suggested that we could also put in an interim supt. and not rush into something and make mistakes.

It was decided to schedule a Special Meeting Monday, 7/17, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the direction and process.

8. **New Business**

8.1 Joint discussion with the Fayette Selectmen and Fayette Budge Committee.

Town Mgr. Robinson gave a brief overview of the miscommunications that took place around the budget. He noted that this is about preparing for next year, and the process to construct and approve budgets. Supt. Hodgkin noted that he met with members of the Budget Comm., and talked about their suggestions with the Sch. Comm. There were changes made after that and I think the Sch. Comm. felt they would have appreciated an opportunity for discussion before they showed up on the warrant articles at the public meeting. R. Young noted that he would like to see the warrant posted one month before the Town meeting. The Town's final warrant may be different from the Sch. Comm. recommendations. D. Polky noted that what didn't happen is that Mark didn't talk about the worksheet with the Sch. Comm. as part of the process. She understands that there are two budgets molded to one, but it's about respect, and that was the part that was difficult for the Sch. Comm. The Sch. Comm. needs to be invited.

J. Young proposed, from a selectmen's standpoint, that we are not proposing budget that supports what we think is needed for expenditures in the town, like capital investments. We always look at it from the perspective of the mil increase, not what we think we really need. He proposed that a presentation be made that includes all the things to be addressed and let the Budget Comm. do their work and make recommendations. Then we ask the community what they think.

J. Swimm stated the problem is that we have a budget that is unsustainable unless we raise a mil every year. I hope the Sch. Comm. can help get the legislative reps to get money from the state. We must make noise.

L. Badeau suggested looking at ways to fund the differently, i.e. making Fayette a charter school, possibility of adding grades through Gr. 7. She said she would like to see the Sch. Comm. active in this.

G. Joseph concurred that we need to look for new funding potential.

J. Beekman explained that the Town is doing a report to list the needs of the Town. What are the structures ?, what should maintenance cost ?, etc., to be able to provide a more comprehensive process for formulating and explaining budgets.

R. Holland supports starting the budget request earlier and feels we may have better participation if it is more efficient and understandable.

J. Beekman stated the there is a need for more uniformity. He felt it would be beneficial for the Sch. Comm. members to stay for presentation and voting of the town budget as well as the school's budget.

Conversation took place around tuition students and how to ensure students moving out of Fayette notify the school that they no longer live in Fayette.

9. **School Committee Comments**

D. Polky stated that she is concerned with the deteriorating condition of the playground. Can School & Home Association help? Chairlady Wilcox offered that she had toured the playground with some members of School & Home Assoc. and a few safety issues have been addressed, but agrees there is much more to do. C. Rose asked if students looking for community service could do some work on the playground.

10. **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chairlady Wilcox declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Next regular monthly School Comm. meeting, **Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fayette Central School library.

Respectfully submitted

James D. Hodgkin, Superintendent

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