

FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairlady Elaine Wilcox, Vice-Chairlady Diane Polky, Jennifer Bero, and Katharine Ayer

ABSENT/LATE: Michelle Keating (excused tardy 6:42)

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Michael Cormier, Administrative Assistant Teresa Harrington, Nancy Godfrey, Selectman Jon Beekman, Staff Members, and Members of the Community and Press

1. Chairlady Elaine Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call taken.

2. Diane Polky moved to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Regular meeting. Jennifer Bero seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Katharine Ayer moved to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2014 and August 4, 2014 Special meetings. Jennifer Bero seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

3. Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Add 5.2 Request from Nancy Godfrey

Change item 6 to state “and other staffing” at the end of the item

4. Comments from the Public:

Katie Pepper stated the school looks very good in regards to all the work

David Howes has done over the summer.

Town resident Ted Johnston made a \$2500.00 donation to the Fayette Central

School Library from the Marlee Fund; a fund that has been set up in memory of his daughter, Marlee, who attended Fayette Central School.

“Marlee loved to read.” The Superintendent, School Committee, and public thanked him for his generosity and kindness. Diane Polky moved to accept this gift. Michelle Keating seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Cormier stated Fayette Central School is ready for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year. Chairlady Elaine thanked Nancy Godfrey

for her help. The Principal and Superintendent will be sharing an office as well as co-leading this year.

Nancy Godfrey received a \$150 Staples gift card from the Department of Education. This was given to her for piloting a special education assessment. Because School Committee policy states a gift of this size may not be used without their permission, she is asking permission. Diane Polky asked if this would be used to purchase supplies special education. Nancy replied in the affirmative. Diane Polky moved to give Principal Nancy Godfrey permission to use the gift card at Staples, received from the Department of Education, to purchase supplies for the special education program at Fayette Central School. Michelle Keating seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Superintendent Cormier recommends Nancy Godfrey for 70% principal at a salary of \$35,000.00 for a contract period July1, 2014 to June 30, 2014. He recommended her contract be for 191 days during the 2014-2015 school year. He would like this salary to retro back to July 1, 2014 for all the work she has done this summer. He recommended her for the 30% teacher position at her current level according to the negotiated agreement. She will be teaching fourth grade math and science, as well as possibly working with the students in writing. He also nominated her as Assistant Special Education Director, working under his certification, for a stipend of \$5,000.00. The length of the contract will be the same as the principal contract. He explained there is \$7,500.00 in the budget under this line item. He also recommended a stipend for working 10 days this summer as an administrator for a per diem amount that is about \$2,600.00. He told the Committee there is money in the budget to cover all of these expenses. He said these positions “are for one year only and Nancy understands that”. He further stated this could only happen if it were approved at the Special Town Meeting scheduled for August 18, 2014. Katharine Ayer made a motion to accept Superintendent Cormier’s recommendation. Michelle Keating seconded. Diane Polky amended the motion to state Nancy Godfrey must write a letter of resignation with regard to the half-time special education teacher at Fayette Central School. Katharine Ayer agreed and amended the motion to include Diane Polky’s amendment. Michelle Keating seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

- 6.1 Diane Polky moved to accept Superintendent Cormier’s recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year for Crystal Vigue as a 70% math and science teacher, kindergarten through grade 3, and 30% educational technician in regular education, at the salary rate determined by the current negotiated agreement, contingent upon the approval of the supplemental budget at the Special Town Meeting on August 18, 2014. Michelle Keating seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

6.2 Diane Polky moved to accept the following staffing recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year as presented by Superintendent Cormier:

Dan Cronin	6.5 hours per day as special education ed tech III
Marjie Bruen	7.5 hours per day as library ed tech II and k/1 ed tech II
Nicole Bamford	Up to 7 hours per day as ed tech III working with a Fayette student at Spruce Mountain Middle School
Elaine Swimm	4 hours per day Title 1, 3 hours per day regular education ed tech III
Phys Ed	Nancy Martin 1 day per week
Gifted Talented	Deane Buuck 2 hours per week
Art	Undecided as of this meeting
Guidance	No name tonight, will bring back at September meeting
Health Aid	Gail Daigle 7 hours per week
School Nurse	Julie Parisiene 6 hours per week
Music	Laura Church 1 day per week
Kate Hill	Speech Pathologist
Teri Sherets	Occupational Therapist
Psych Services	To be contracted, as needed, from RSU #38, Sue Holinger
Special Ed Teacher	half time to be advertised, there will be a substitute

Beginning the school year.

Jennifer Bero seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

7. Katharine Ayer moved to accept the minutes of the Town of Fayette annual town meeting held June 14, 2014. Jennifer Bero seconded and the motion passed 4-0-1 with Diane Polky abstaining.
8. Superintendent Cormier asked the School Committee if any further information was needed for the Special Town meeting on August 18, 2014. The School Committee directed the Superintendent to give the same presentation he gave the Selectmen and Budget Committee on August 4, 2014.
9. It was the consensus of the School Committee that their meetings continue to have a 6:30 PM start time.
10. Next Regular School Committee meeting, Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Fayette Central School Library.

11. Upcoming Events
12. Superintendent Cormier conducted new School Committee training with the Fayette School Committee.
13. Jennifer Bero moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Michelle Keating seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Harrington
Michael Cormier,
Recording Secretary

Secretary to the
Committee