

Monday, February 3, 2020 Veazie School Committee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Veazie Community School Library

The Veazie School Administrative Unit Committee met at the Veazie Community School Library on Monday, February 3, 2020. Committee Chair, Kristen Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. School Committee members present were: Kristen Bagley, Valli Vel, Paul Dupuis, Alexander Friess and Bill Reed.

Principal and Superintendent Matthew Cyr was also in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

Reed moved, Vel seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 6, 2020.

IV. Adjustment to Agenda

- A. Mr. Cyr added in the Principal's report information on the library.
- B. Mr. Cyr added in the Superintendent's report information on school safety.

V. Persons Desiring to Address the Committee

VI. Acknowledgements

- A. Mr. Cyr read the acknowledgments from the staff:

The intermediate team acknowledged Holly Humphrey and Martha Shannon for their accommodations with the play practice. Sue Logan stated she appreciates Brian Gonyar for great coordination in sharing a space for teaching. Tara Frazier wants to acknowledge the school climate committee for their great efforts in supporting staff. Holly Humphrey thanks the PTO for letting the teachers use the popcorn and the popcorn maker.

VII. Board Chair

- A. Kristen Bagley acknowledged the staff dedication. At a basketball game she heard other team's parents commenting on how nice the school is and Kristen was pleased to see staff attend the games.

VIII. Personnel

- A. Resignations: None
- B. Nominations: None

IX. Principal's Report

- A. Robotics Team:

The Robotics Team will present at next Monday's Town Council meeting. They have also been invited by the Kiwanis Club to a family dinner.
- B. Student Council:

Student Council raised almost \$1,000 during their classroom Penny War. Along with presenting the money they raised they volunteered to cook for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House.

C. Student Enrollment:

Our enrollment has remained at 144.

D. Blue Ribbon Celebration:

We had a school assembly to celebrate our Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School award. The students were informed of what this honor means. The students understood their role in receiving this award and they were very proud to be part of Veazie Community School.

E. Long Term Subs:

Mr. Cyr announced that we will be looking for 2 long term subs for the Spring of 2020.

F. Ci3t Grant:

There will be 4 staff members going to Lawrence, Kansas to visit 3 schools that use the Ci3t program. They will also attend Kansas University for one of their training sessions.

G. Mr. Cyr showed the committee the statistics on books being signed out of the library for the last 3 years. Mrs. Shannon uses this information to purchase books that are of interest and support our curriculum. This year's circulation numbers are projected to exceed all previous records since we switched to the automated system.

X. Superintendent's Report

A. SRRF:

Mr. Cyr informed the committee that out of the 3 SRRF applications he submitted the school was approved for the cafeteria patio project. This will be a 5 year interest free loan with 30% forgiveness.

B. Gym Floor:

Mr. Cyr will be contacting the insurance adjusters to see if the gym floor damage is covered. Once he contacts them, they will guide us on our next steps to replacing the floor. We have had 3 companies give us estimates on the replacement with all quotes being very close in range. A 4th price request has yet to be returned.

C. January Financials:

We are in good standing with the financials and are still monitoring the high school tuition students. Watching the high school students will help us budget for FY21 as well.

D. FY21 Budget:

Mr. Cyr showed the committee his goals in preparing the FY21 budget. He explained the changes to the ED279 funding formula and reviewed a rough draft of the budget.

E. School Safety:

Mr. Cyr described the actions that were taken for the threat made on Senator Collins and schools. Mr. Cyr was pleased at the response of staff and students.

XI. New Business

A. Diesel Fuel:

Mr. Cyr received 2 bids (out of 3 requests) for FY21 Diesel Fuel costs. He recommended the committee to award the contract to Dead River, who had the lowest bid price. Friess motioned, Dupuis seconded and all were in favor to award Dead River the FY21 diesel contract.

B. FY21 School Calendar:

This was the second reading and adoption of the 2020-21 School Calendar. Dupuis motioned, Reed seconded and all were in favor of adopting the 2020-21 School Calendar as presented.

C. Office Manager & Assistant to Superintendent:

Mr. Cyr requested to make the current part time secretary position a full time Office Manager & Assistant to the Superintendent starting with FY21 (July 1, 2020). He explained to the committee the increase and offsetting costs necessary to make this position full time. Reed motioned, Vel seconded and all were in favor of the new Office Manager & Assistant to Superintendent position.

XII. Old Business

XIII. Board Policy

- A. The committee had the second reading and adoption updated Policy JEA-Compulsory Attendance. Dupuis motioned, Vel seconded and all were in favor of adopting the updated Policy JEA-Compulsory Attendance as presented.

XIV. Request for Information

XV. Executive Session

At 7:06 Executive Session was held to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation Process, According to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Reed Motioned, Vel seconded. All were in favor of going into executive session.

Executive Session ended at 7:43pm. Reed Motioned to award Superintendent Cyr with a new 3-year contract (3% salary increase), Dupuis seconded. All were in favor.

At 7:45pm, Executive Session was held to discuss Collective Bargaining progress, According to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Reed motioned, Dupuis seconded, all in favor of going into executive session.

Executive Session ended at 8:05pm

XVI. Next Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Veazie Community School Library.

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matthew D. Cyr, Superintendent of Schools