

1 **St. Albans City School District Board of Commissioners**

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3 **ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

4 **December 8, 2016 6:00 p.m., St. Albans City School**

5 **MINUTES**

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7 **Present for a Quorum:** Tayt Brooks, Ken Wade, Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner, James Farr,
8 Denise Smith arrived at 6:06 p.m.

9 **Unable to Attend:** Patrick Daunais, Angela Bernard

10 **Administrators:** Joan Cavallo, Principal; Kevin Dirth, Superintendent; Kathy Finck, Human
11 Resource Director; Georgie Andrews, Assistant Principal

12 1. **Call to Order** – James Farr called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

13 2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

14 3. **Agenda Review** – James Farr asked to move presentations before visitors and add an
15 employee discipline matter as G2.

16 **Tayt Brooks made a motion to approve the amended agenda; second by Kristina Ellsworth-**
17 **Spooner. The motion passed unanimously.**

18 4. **Visitors**

19 5. **Presentations**

20 A. A Presentation by the Art Teachers. SACS Art Teachers Melissa Haberman, Megan
21 Martinson, Ande Tagliamonte and author Amy Huntington did a slide show and
22 presented some of their student's art.

23 6. **Consent Agenda**

24 B. Approval of Minutes October 13, 2016

25 **Ken Wade made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016; second by Tayt**
26 **Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.**

27 C. FCSU Update - Kevin Dirth said that this month's report was a short one but it shows
28 how much work has been done through the year.

29 D. Principal's Report - Joan Cavallo said that her report was attached and she was happy to
30 answer any questions. They are meeting with neighbors about the property line this
31 week. A request for mobile classroom RFP format got three completely different
32 responses about what they have to offer. When the Board sees the responses, they
33 need to be aware that these will not be typical RFP results. Conscious discipline is
34 moving along really well, everyone is involved.

35 7. **Old Business**

36 E. Maple Run USD - James Farr reported that they continue to meet twice a month and are
37 moving forward. They also meet for negotiations twice a month and there has been
38 some progress there as well. MRUSD has been approached by Fairfax who have shown

interest in joining Maple Run. Fairfax cost per pupil is lower than ours so it should be a good move in that regard. There will need to be in depth conversations about how to best utilize the second high school, and it could be a positive. It could add diversity with additional students. A five-year plan has been drafted and presented to the Board. The budget is in process, and the Board will have their first look once all the numbers have been combined and entered.

8. New Business

F. Accept The Artists in Schools Grant from the Vermont Arts Council for \$1,250.00

Denise Smith made a motion to accept The Artists in Schools Grant from the Vermont Arts Council in the amount of \$1,250.00; second by Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *Employee Issues

G1. Resignation – this was an FYI to the Board

G2. Employee discipline matter – this was moved to executive session

H. *Student Issue – This was moved to executive session.

9. Other Business - Included for the Board's information.

I. Warrants – These were included for the Board's information.

J. Monthly Financial Report – This was included for the Board's information.

10. Agenda Items for Future Meeting: Next Meeting is February 9. Items may include property lines, presentation, and mobile classroom bids.

11. Potential Executive Session

Ken Wade made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a student issue and an Employee discipline matter at 6:46 p.m., inviting administrators to attend; second by Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 9:25 p.m.

Denise Smith made a motion to accept the resignation of Georgie Andrews as of June 30, 2016; second by Kristina Ellsworth-Spooner. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristine Ellsworth-Spooner made a motion to direct Attorney Lynn to negotiate a separation agreement with an employee; second by Tayt Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Comstock