

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
DECEMBER 19, 2013**

Board Members Present: T. Croteau, J. Cardinale, R. Horton, E. Jackson arrived at 6:23 pm, B. McGrath arrived at 6:27 pm.
Administration Present: J. Lewis, L. Schmidt, P. Bigelow, D. Chamberlain

T. Croteau called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

J. Miller advised B. Moser asked for documentation on the Access Program. He provided him with the MOU for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the General Ledger for both. J. Miller explained they meet bi-monthly to discuss any supervision issues.

J. Lewis advised some people were not paid; there were concerns.

J. Miller explained everyone has been paid up-to-date. They have met with all staff, except one. Everyone has been introduced to Angela. Their time and invoices are submitted to Angela and she supplies them to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

J. Lewis advised they don't want these things to happen again; looks like it has now been taken care of.

R. Horton – Please don't let that happen; people should be paid in a timely manner.

J. Miller feels it was a capacity issue; doubled their staff, if you will.

Sue Rice asked why Access is paid through the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

J. Miller – Want to be sure it works that way as we are running activities through the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. It is a liability issue. Want to keep liability off the school. It is right up the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts alley; they have the insurance. Money is coming from the 21C.Grant.

MINUTES:

R. Horton MOVED to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2013 with the following changes; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, in the second paragraph under Citizens' Comments, amending the third line to read: L. Schmidt advised she is working on reports. She is waiting on some information from the DOE for approval; adding S & J Jamrog in the last paragraph before Manifest and adding Google Chrome Books in the Manifest Vote; all on Page 1, VOTED: 3-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Schmidt distributed the Manifest and the Board asked questions.

R. Horton MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$232,750.82; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 3-0, MOTION PASSED.

R. Horton MOVED to approve the Payables Manifest in the amount of \$190,138.43; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 3-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Lewis explained they were given a presentation on School Dude. The cost is per student and the yearly cost per year is significantly less than they thought. He advised they have had issues with the internet; the company was going to send the written quote, but they haven't received it yet. J. Lewis explained they could start using it around 1/1/14. It doesn't require a Board vote, but they will e-mail the information out to the Board for review when they receive it.

E. Jackson arrived at the meeting at 6:23pm. and B. McGrath arrived at 6:27 pm. Both advised they didn't realize the meeting started at 6:00 pm. tonight.

B. McGrath feels they should go with School Dude for now.

J. Lewis advised he spoke to the Selectmen about putting a stop sign at the cross walk facing Parker Street. There was some resistance and questions. He is not sure where it went from there, but he thinks it is a done deal.

L. Schmidt advised she had to reissue check #51249 that had been issued to an employee as it was lost. It was not included in tonight's Manifest. A replacement was issued in the amount of \$428.06. B. Moser wanted it documented in the minutes that it was a previously approved check.

BOARD REP. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Withdrawal Committee:

E. Jackson advised the Committee met on December 16th and discussed what they liked about Brattleboro. They will be hearing back from Keene with a concrete date to meet. The Committee felt they didn't have a whole lot of information until they went to Keene.

R. Horton advised there was discussion about our options and the possibility of building a new school. Would need to put it on a Warrant Article and it would need voter approval. Warrant Articles must be submitted by 1/14/14. The Committee wanted to know if the Board would be in favor of about \$500.00 for a mailing to be sent to voters.

E. Jackson advised they are also waiting to hear from Pioneer Valley.

R. Horton advised he would be in favor of a \$10,000,000 bond for a new school; feels it would be about a half million less than going to Keene.

E. Jackson advised the Committee will put together a flyer with information for Board approval at the next meeting.

L. Schmidt will check with Hinsdale on a cost of running their high school.

J. Cardinale MOVED to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) session at 6:47 pm; SECONDED by: R. Horton, E. Jackson – yes, B. McGrath – yes, R. Horton – yes, J. Cardinale – yes, T. Croteau – yes.

E. Jackson MOVED to leave non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) session at 6:56 pm; SECONDED by: R. Horton, E. Jackson – yes, B. McGrath – yes, R. Horton – yes, J. Cardinale – yes, T. Croteau – yes.

R. Horton MOVED to seal the non-public minutes; SECONDED by: E. Jackson, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

R. Horton MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm; SECONDED by: E. Jackson, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary