

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
JANUARY 3, 2013**

Board Members Present: E. Jackson, R. Horton, J. Cardinale, T. Croteau
Absent: K. Whippie

Administration Present: J. Lewis, P. Bigelow, L. Schmidt, D. Chamberlain

The meeting was called to order by Chair, T. Croteau at 6:30pm.

MINUTES:

R. Horton MOVED to approve the non-public minutes of 11/28/12, 11/29/12 (1) and 11/29/12 (2) and the public minutes of 12/20/12; SECONDED by: T. Croteau, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Schmidt explained there are unexpected discrepancies in the retirement figures. She is waiting for clarification from the State. She thinks C. Paulin budgeted one way and we are paying another way. This would factor to the default budget number.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Warrant Articles:

Article 1:

After discussion, **R. Horton MOVED to approve the budget amount of \$11,086,540 for the 2013/2014 operating budget; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.**

After discussion, the Board agreed to meet regarding the default budget on Monday, January 7th at 5:30 in the library. L. Schmidt will send information to the Board.

Article 2:

After discussion, **E. Jackson MOVED to approve Article 2 adding the amount of \$22,887.41, subject to approval of removing the word “further”; SECONDED by: R. Horton, VOTED: 4—0, MOTION PASSED.**

Article 3:

R. Horton MOVED to approve Article 3 as written; SECONDED by: E. Jackson, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

Article 4:

This article was previously voted on.

Article 5:

This article was previously voted on.

Article 6 and Article 7:

R. Horton MOVED to approve Article 6 and 7 as written; SECONDED by: E. Jackson, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

L. Schmidt explained there is a new law that allows the school to keep money that is left at the end of the year. However, the Board agreed to return money for now.

FINANCIAL:

E. Jackson MOVED to approve the Operating Budget Manifest in the amount of \$831,089.64; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

E. Jackson MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$193,963.04; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

P&E Energy Supply - L. Schmidt reviewed the contract and explained the pros and cons of moving to the new supplier. She advised they are not guaranteed a savings every month, but there would be one overall. She feels they should switch. There is no cost or penalties to move back and forth; not locked in. Essentially it is a one month contract until the meter reading.

R. Horton MOVED to have L. Schmidt sign the contract with P&E Energy Supply; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The Board received P. Bigelow's report:

- *Reviewed classroom counts
- *Reviewed discipline report
- *Basketball – If student athletes don't meet the academic requirements, they will be benched or off the team.
- *Professional Development Committee – this committee requires a member of the Board. The Board will discuss it at the next Board meeting.
- *Security at the school has always been good; but they are upgrading. All doors are locked; there is an ACCESS door monitor before and after school; added cameras; considering swipe cards.

D. Chamberlain advised that carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in the boiler rooms and kitchens.

He has contacted three companies regarding the sensor faucets and swipe cards and is waiting for pricing.

E. Jackson advised the problem they had at the bank is that no access to the building can be obtained when there is no power.

D. Chamberlain advised there would be only three doors changed, so there are different options they could use.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

J. Lewis advised there is a movement in process to try to get an exception regarding the requirement of benefits for employees who work 30 hours.

R. Horton MOVED to unseal the minutes of November 19, 2012 as they relate to the Superintendent and the Principal salaries for the 2013-2014 school year. The remainder of the minutes should remain sealed; SECONDED by: E. Jackson, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

J. Lewis will work to form a Withdrawal Committee to look into options other than Keene. The Committee will consist of two School board members, one teacher and community members.

Monadnock will be coming to Winchester on Monday, January 14th to discuss possibilities.

R. Horton MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm; SECONDED by: J. Cardinale, VOTED: 4-0, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary