

**WORTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
P.O. BOX 247
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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
6/25/15**

**R.H. CONWELL BUILDING
6:30 PM**

Minutes

Board Members present: John McDonald, Alison Todd and Maria Bebee.

Regrets: Debbie Carnes and Alex Lak.

1. Call to Order at 6:34 P.M.

2. Approval of past meeting minutes: Maria Bebee made a motion to wave the minutes. Alison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Correspondence: The Committee received a \$523.60 bill for legal services from Sullivan, Hayes and Quinn attn. The newspaper bill was forwarded to the Town Account. Alison will bring the invoices in.

3.3 Superintendent/Principal Update (Gretchen):

During a conference call, Gretchen described the school calendar that she had submitted. School days will begin at 9:00 A.M. and end at 3:35 P.M and could change depending on bus schedule. Alison Todd made a motion to accept the Academic calendar that Gretchen proposed. Maria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alison suggested that Gretchen speak to the Superintendent of the Berkshire Trail Elementary School. Their last day of school was Friday and furniture, classroom materials and play-based things for Kindergarten could become available.

Wrap-around program for pre-school was discussed. Alison spoke with Susan Warner, who reported that the cost of insurance for the year will be \$1,000 to \$1,500. Rising fees to cover these costs may turn parents away. This will be on the agenda next month.

Interviews will be conducted on July 2nd and 3rd for the para-professional applicants. There are six applicants for pre-school.

3.4 John reported that the Selectboard approved the pre-school proposal.

3.5 The Building Inspector and Ryan Neuhauser did a walk through the school to identify problems. The leaky roof could be a major problem. Alarms and filters need to be addressed. Ryan will not have time to paint this summer.

Transition budget: Dick Wagner apologized for not informing the school committee when the Selectboard and the Finance Committee voted to take \$5,000 out of the transition budget to fund the RH Conwell Building Expense. There should be money left in the budget in spite of the loss.

Ruth Kennedy lawsuit: The complainants have asked for an extension to respond.

3.6 Alison reported that currently we have three kids in third, two kids in fourth, four kids in fifth and six kids in sixth grade.

Next meeting: July 9th @ 6:30 P.M.

4. Adjourn: Maria made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. Alison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux