

**WORTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORTHINGTON, MA 01098**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
8/13/15**

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

MINUTES

Members present: Chair John McDonald, Debbie Carnes, Alex Lak and Alison Todd.

Administrative/Staff: Gretchen Morse-Dobosz, Superintendent Craig Jurgenson and Secretary Gail Bergeron

Selectboard: Chair Dick Wagner, Evan Johnson and Charley Rose

Regrets: Maria Bebee

1. Call to Order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Audience Participation – for items not on agenda Gail Bergeron asked for a no parking sign in front of handicap entrance.

3. Routine Matters

3.1 Approval of past Meeting Minutes May 28th were reviewed, Debbie Carnes made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. July 23 were reviewed. Alex made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3.2 Selectboard Update:

The Selectboard is waiting on bids for gutters which may be causing one leak. The other leak occurred when the driveway was done; the outer conduit on the line into the IT room must have been broken. Ryan will put an eavesdrop in the affected area and grade away from the building while filling up a patch for the ramp. The roof leak has not been solved.

Janitor duties were discussed. Town Hall custodian Rick Robillard is interested in working some mornings. CORI checks were mentioned.

Sunday morning move was discussed. Town dump truck may be utilized.

Windowsills- Selectboard is waiting on a quote from a remediation contractor.

Added issue: The macadam has sunk below the front door and could be hazardous.

Treasurer: Withholdings were incorrectly calculated. Things are getting squared away. Five applicants will be interviewed for treasurer's position.

School bus transportation was discussed: Hampshire's policy is to pick up school choice children if they can get to the regular stops.

Alison made a motion to proceed to item 3.4 on the agenda. Debby seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3.4 Superintendent/Principal Update: Craig Jurgenson update: DESE is aware of Worthington School District. Grant funding is beginning to flow such as: A SPED entitlement grant for \$9,000, SPED improvement grant for \$500 and a Title One grant for \$18,446.

DESE is giving Worthington up to 2017/18 to determine impact ratings.

Required medical emergency plans are due on September 1st.

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz update: Enrollment: Preschool 14, kindergarten 10, grades one and two 11, three and four 5 and 9, five and six is 11.

Summer teachers sent out summer letters, BBQ is scheduled and restraint training will be given.

New Hires:(One to One) Tara Abbott, (Music teacher) Mary Ann Burke and (Art teacher) Elizabeth Kick.

3.1 Correspondence

3.3.1 Rental of space in school building: Someone sent a note inquiring about the school's policy of renting out space for adult exercise classes. The State encourages adult exercise programs using the gymnasium. Debbie brought KF and KF-R and model school committee policies to look at. Storage will not be encouraged. Discussion ensued about the school being a community center and should support the community.

3.4.1 Wraparound update: Susan Warner submitted her information for licensure. Before and after school program will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 6:00p.m. Vacation days and half days will be available. Cost is \$5.00 in morning, \$10.00 per afternoon and \$12.00 for both.

3.4.2 First day events were discussed. A lot of people will be invited. Teachers will meet children outside. School should start routinely.

School lunch fees Debbie made a motion to set the School Lunch Fee at \$2.75.

Alison seconded the motion. Let Selectboard know about capital items. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Items

5. Policy

5.1Policy Subcommittee Update (Debbie)

Discussion of Section J, K, & L policies: significant change in KCD. KCD, KF and KFR needs to be looked at. These will be reviewed for the next meeting.

5.2Hampshire Regional Contract Discussion

6. New Business/Future agenda items

The School Committee will meet with the Selectboard on September 15.

7. Adjourn Alex made a motion to adjourn at 9:00P.M.Debby seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational: policies in Section J, building fee schedule circulated via email

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux
Recording Secretary