

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: 5 West Street, School Committee Room

March 2, 2022 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Zoom

George Scobie

Jessie Harrington

Gail Holloway

Meghan McCrillis

Dottie Kauffman

Beth Chamberland

Cecelia Wirzbicki

Karen Ballway

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Scobie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

Minutes: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

[Ally McGill](#) stated students and staff are happy to be able to see facial expression again now that the mask mandate has been lifted. Winter Carnival was held February 14-18th, it was very enjoyable for all. Girls Hockey has a playoff game and Indoor Track will be attending the New England Competition. Freshman and Sophomores have started course selection for next year.

NHS induction ceremony will be on March 17th, Model UN is competing at Boston College High and the Jay Peak Ski Trip is coming up, everyone is excited.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COVID Update

Information

Dr. Chamberland provided an update on COVID cases and other pertinent details since our last meeting.

- Counts were high on Monday after vacation - 7 positives, 1 on Tuesday, 1 today
- 30% of people are still wearing masks in buildings
- Starting to feel normal and upbeat in buildings
- Trending in the right direction

NEW BUSINESS: None

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting

Action

At the Selectmen's meeting on February 14th, the Board voted to open the warrant for the May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Submission of articles for the warrant will close on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The School Department's proposed articles were presented by Mrs. Wirzbicki for review and approval.

Recommended Motion....to approve the warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2022 as submitted.

George Scobie entertained the motion to *approve the warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2022* as presented by Mrs. Wirzbicki.

Jessie Harrington made a motion to *approve the warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2022* as presented by Mrs. Wirzbicki. Gail Holloway seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

French River Collaborative Oil Bid

Action

Each year the Auburn Public School participates with the French River Collaborative to procure oil for the District's buildings for the upcoming fiscal year. The French River bid was opened on February 2, 2022 and awarded on February 3, 2022. There were three bidders, with one of the vendors deemed non responsive. Peterson Oil was awarded the bid at \$2.90, being the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for fuel oil for FY23. Mrs. Wirzbicki presented the Bid Oil Analysis for the committee to review. It represents an increase of \$1.20 per gallon from this

past year's price. However, the School Department when formulating the budget for FY23 did take into consideration the fact of not having a known price and the current volatile market conditions, so we are confident with the current heating budget as previously presented for FY23.

Recommended Motion....to accept the Fuel Oil award made by the French River Collaborative on behalf of the Auburn Public Schools to Peterson Oil at the price of \$2.90 per gallon for Fiscal Year 2023.

George Scobie entertained the motion to accept the Fuel Oil award made by the French River Collaborative on behalf of the Auburn Public Schools to Peterson Oil at the price of \$2.90 per gallon for Fiscal Year 2023.as presented by Mrs. Wirzbicki.

Dottie Kauffman made a motion to accept the Fuel Oil award made by the French River Collaborative on behalf of the Auburn Public Schools to Peterson Oil at the price of \$2.90 per gallon for Fiscal Year 2023.as presented by Mrs. Wirzbicki. Gail Holloway seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Year to Date Budget Report

Information

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a year to date budget report dated February 24, 2022.

Budget Transfers

Action

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a listing of Budget Transfers dated February 24, 2022 between the same series, along with a listing of Transfers between different series for which she was seeking approval from the committee.

Recommended Motion.....to approve the list of Transfers dated February 24, 2022 as presented by the business manager.

George Scobie entertained a motion to accept the list of transfers as presented by the Business Manager.

Jessie Harrington made a motion to approve the list of Transfers dated February 24, 2022 , Gail Holloway seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

2022-2023 Bus Transportation Registration

Information

Mrs. Wirzbicki stated the 2022-2023 Bus Registration forms have been placed on the District website and the deadline to register is June 1, 2022. All students wishing to ride the bus in the coming year must register regardless of whether a payment is due. Once again we will be using Zippslip for online registration and convenience. Payments can be made online with Unipay or can be dropped off or mailed with a completed registration form to the Central Administration

Building, 5 West Street. All registrations must be postmarked by June 1, 2022 or received at 5 West Street by 4:00 p.m.that day, to avoid a late fee, which will not waived.

Adjournment
Roll Call Vote

Mr. Scobie entertained the motion to adjourn for the evening at 6:50 p.m.; Meghan McCrillis made a motion to adjourn, Dottie Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Williams

Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting

Bid Oil Analysis

Year to Date Report Dated 2/24/22

Budget Transfers Dated 2/24/22