

Brighton School Board Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Draft

Members

Charla Nadeau

Katie Mientka

Melanie Yasharian

*David Pepin

Jeanne Gervais

*Denotes absentees

Administrators

John Castle, Superintendent

Denise Russell, Principal

Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Financial Office

I. Call to Order

Charla Nadeau called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

Action: Jeanne Gervais made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2014 school board meeting. Charla Nadeau seconded, so moved.

Note: The minutes from the Brighton School Board-Special Meeting held on December 4, 2014 and referred to as "Brighton Community Forum" were also accepted.

III. Financial Reports

Action:

- A. The Financial Report of December 14, 2014 was accepted (with a slight change) by Jeanne Gervais and seconded by Katie Mientka. So moved.
- B. Approval of Designee for Announced Tuition is approved at \$12,000. Jeanne Gervais made the motion to accept and Katie Mientka seconded. So moved.
- C. After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to approve a 2016 draft budget of \$1,916,600. Melanie Yasharian made the motion to accept. Jeanne Gervais seconded. So moved.

IV. Principal's Report

The Principal's report handout was reviewed by the board.

V. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's report handout was reviewed by the board.

VI. Unfinished/New/Other Business

- A. The board continued last month's discussion of the FY16 programming. Denise Russell presented the grade configurations for FY16. The board had a lengthy discussion on the staffing recommendations that would best serve the students. Specific student numbers were considered and the decision was made to present the budget with a 4.9% increase and a tax increase of 0.014. John Castle commended the work done on the budget and the collaboration between Denise Russell and Glenn Hankinson of the NCSU Financial office, who added that the budget is sound and can confidently be brought forth to the public.
- B. Regarding Act 166 for Brighton's Pre K: the decision was made to leave the Pre K as is for now. The Pre K is in compliance. More time is needed to find a way to serve more children.
- C. Regarding snow removal from the roof, and the dangers of the overhanging snow in relation to the side doors, the decision was made to continue using only the front and back doors. The custodian will knock off the overhanging snow as it occurs.
- D. The question was raised about going from a 5 member board to a 3 member board. John Castle recommended remaining at a 5 member board.
- E. 1st Reading of the following Revised NCSU Policies:
1. F.04 Search and Seizure
 2. F.05 Interrogation or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement
- Action:** Motion to accept by Jeanne Gervais. Seconded by Charla Nadeau.

VII. Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda

- A. Motion to accept the administration's staffing recommendation including the reduction of the middle school teaching staff at Brighton to two middle school teachers who are dually certified, Math/Science and English/Social Studies.
- B. Motion to offset budget increase with \$50,000 from FY14 fund balance.
- C. Motion to include in the Warning a Tax Stabilization Fund of \$70,000, the prior year's fund balance minus \$50,000 (see motion above).
- D. Motion to include \$80,000 bus fund to afore mentioned Tax Stabilization fund (= \$150,500 fund balance).

VIII. Agenda Items/Dates for Next Board Meeting

Thursday February 12, 2015 at 6:00 at Brighton School

IX. Adjourn

Charla Nadeau made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Jeanne Gervais seconded. So moved.

Submitted by Gayle K. Cornelius