

BRIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Members

Charla Nadeau

Katie Mientka

Melanie Yasharian

David Pepin

*Jeanne Gervais

Administrators

John Castle, Superintendent

Denise Russell, Principal

*Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Financial Office

* Denotes absentees

I. Call to Order

Charla Nadeau called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

II. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Melanie Yasharian made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9th, 2014 school board meeting, Katie Mientka seconded, so moved.

III. Financial Reports

- The board was presented information regarding the cost of owning a bus vs. leasing one. This included the bus driver's compensation for the previous school year. No action taken.
- The board discussed, in length, the preliminary budget considerations for FY 2016. Part of this discussion involved the viability of the BES middle school. The board would like to offer a Special Meeting on December 4th at 6:00 PM to allow feedback from the community.

ACTION: The financial report was *accepted* by Katie Mientka, and seconded by Melanie Yasharian, so moved.

V. Committee Reports

The negotiations process has begun. Melanie Yasharian will keep the board updated as things progress.

VI. Principal's Report

Ms. Russell presented the board with cost for painting/replacing the outside trim of the school. The board discussed repainting vs. using vinyl siding. This item has been tabled until the April 2015 meeting so that we can work on it over the summer.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Castle discussed access to Early Education; the primary goal is to serve more students while maximizing resources.

VIII. Unfinished/New/ Other Business

A. Special Education High spending Status: Brighton has received a letter from the Agency of Education stating that we are a high spending school. Ms. Russell is updating this information for the agency. This is not the first year we have received this notification.

B. **ACTION:** Melanie Yasharian made a motion to advertise for bids on renovations to ramp and boys bathroom, both for the purpose of improving wheelchair accessibility at the school. Katie seconded, so moved.

C. **ACTION:** Katie Mientka made a motion to appoint David Yasharian as the Brighton NCUHS school board representative, David Pepin seconded, so moved.

IX. Agenda Items/ Date for Next Board Meeting

- The next regular school board meeting will be on **Wednesday** December 10th at 6:30 (**please note the change in day of the week)
- Special meeting December 4th at 6:00 PM at BES to discuss future of Middle School
- Work on Budget for FY 2015-2016

X. Executive Session:

Melanie Yasharian made a motion to enter executive session at 8:05 for a personnel issue. Katie Mientka seconded.

No action taken during executive session.

XI. Adjourn

Melanie made a motion to adjourn at 8:15PM, David Pepin seconded, so moved.

