

Charleston Elementary School
School Board Minutes for Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board

Board Members present: Jason Brueck, Laura Becerra, Pat Austin
Administrators and Invited Guests: Sharon Gonyaw, Debbie Brunelle
Staff: Cheryl Stelter, Mary Lahar
Community Members: Penelope Newcomb, Diana Marckwardt

- I. Regular Board Meeting called to order at 5:33PM by Jason Brueck
- II. Motion to approve Minutes of as written PA/JB
- III. Public comments: Diana Marckwardt and Penelope Newcomb outlining possible solar options for the town and school made a presentation. Conversations focused on proposed sites for solar fields, grants and comparison's of 10, 20 and 30-year loan payments and their costs for the town. At this time the gravel pit seems to be the best option for the school to use for setting up a solar field that would provide enough electricity to power the school. Creating two separate projects, one for the town and one for the school would allow for the most grant funding for each project. The estimated cost of installing a 90,000 Kwlt array (enough to support the school) would be approximately \$270,000. We would be eligible for a \$50,000 grant. This leaves \$220,000 to be financed by the town. Current annual costs of electricity run around \$14,00 per year. If we financed for 20 years it would cost approximately \$13,092 per year. The life of the system runs around 30 years. This would potentially give us 10 years of free electricity and reduce the annual cost for electricity by \$1,000 or more. The board has agreed to consider bringing a proposal to the voters at this year's town meeting after more details are reviewed.
- IV. Financial Reports
The board acknowledges budget adjustments and staffing changes have been made. We have requested information from Debbie Brunelle outlining the requirement for the USDA's CEP (Community Eligibility Program). This program allows school to provide breakfast and lunch to all students free of charge.

Motion: To accept the Financial Statement JB/PA

Board signed Warrants for the Charleston School Meeting
General Orders: \$190,993.75
Hot Lunch Program: \$507.58
- V. Committee reports: None
- VI. Principal's Report, Sharon Gonyaw
Motion to accept the monthly Principal's report. PA/JP

- VII. Superintendent's Report: None
- VIII. Old/New/Other Business: None
- IX. Executive Session: None
- X. Adjourn
Motion: To Adjourn at 6:40PM JB/PA

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Becerra
Clerk