

COVENTRY VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

There was a regular meeting of the Coventry Village School Board on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm. **These are the unofficial minutes until approved by the Board.**

Present: Viola Poirier, Matt Maxwell, Rosalie Bowen, Frank Carbonneau and Amanda Jensen

Administration: Matthew Baughman – Principal, Deb Tanguay – Treasurer, Debbie Brunelle – Finance Assistant, John Castle - Superintendent

Staff: Tina Rumsey

Students: Julia Ballinger, Haley Carpenter, Isaac Driver, Kaylee Emerson, Mya Lucas, Ana Prue, Brandon Schwarm, Jacob Sylvester and Nathan Wells.

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Chair Frank Carbonneau.
- II. **Additions/Deletions** – None
- III. A **Motion** was made to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2015 regular Board meeting. Motion **Approved [MM/VP]**
- IV. **Public Comment**
Ms. Rumsey and her 7th grade Language Arts class made a presentation to the Board on Act 148. Act 148 is the universal recycling law that went into effect on July 1st of this year. Each student researched and reported on a central thesis question related to the new law. The students fielded questions from the Board following their presentation. The Board thanked Ms. Rumsey and her class for taking the time to come and present what they have been working on.
- V. **Financial Report**
The Board reviewed and signed orders as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Payroll	10/30/2015	\$36,149.85
Accounts Payable	11/03/2015	\$175.00
Accounts Payable	11/06/2015	\$6,788.46
Payroll	11/13/2015	\$34,221.69
Accounts Payable	11/18/2015	\$308,707.38
Accounts Payable	11/18/2015	\$10,680.00
TOTAL ORDERS		\$396,722.38

FOOD SERVICE

Accounts Payable	11/18/2015	\$8,966.36
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TOTAL ORDERS		\$8,966.36
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Debbie Brunelle presented the October financial statement. Discussion followed.

A **Motion** was made to accept the October Financial Statement. Motion **Approved [MM/VP]**.

Deb Tanguay presented the Treasurer's report. Discussion followed.

Matthew gave the Board his recommendations of specific areas that he would like taken into consideration when looking at budgeting for FY17. Matthew will meet with Debbie Brunelle before the next regular Board meeting to go over the budget in detail to have a clearer picture of areas in which changes may need to be made.

The Board will dedicate an hour for budget discussions during the next regular Board meeting.

VI. Policies & Committee Reports

Executive: Discussion revolved around Act 153 (requirement that Spec Ed Personnel become SU employees) and getting people thinking about the financial impacts.

VSBA: The last meeting focused on reorganization, the by-laws and an overview of the annual conference.

Negotiations: An agreement has been reached between the Boards and the Association. The 2-year agreement includes an approximate 2.7% increase in salaries but did not include a change to health care contributions.

VII. Superintendents Report

Superintendent Castle discussed act 46 with the Board. Frank expressed his desire to have the Executive Committee formally discuss this Act and what it looks like for the SU. Superintendent Castle is confident that NCSU is not going to centralize governance as an SD. He reported that there have been no conversations to date that would indicate this is the direction the SU would be going in. The SU will have to formally inform the Agency of Education of what their intent is in regard to Act 46. Superintendent Castle is willing to help Boards facilitate Community forums.

Superintendent Castle also discussed the centralization of Special Education services. It appears that most local Boards would like to see the Full Board vote to accept the option under Equalized Pupils. While that option does include a slight increase initially for some schools, the Act 153 study committee feels that it is the most fair option for our SU. Supt. Castle mentioned that the discussion is ongoing and will be taken up further at the next Exec. Cmte meeting. There was also discussion on allowable growth (caps) and how we all need to be aware of them as we go into building budgets.

VIII. Principal's Report

Principal Baughman reported that the roof repair is almost complete. Frank mentioned that the additional cost for the door guards will be between \$4,250 and \$4,750. The Green Avengers (CVS environmental club) attended the Youth Environmental Summit in Montpelier earlier this month. CVS students presented information about the activities they have been doing to reduce waste and raise awareness at CVS. He also expressed that we have been struggling with an increase in behavioral issues lately and discussed the steps we are taking to try and decrease these behaviors.

IX. Board Business

Frank will mention further discussion of Act 46 at the Executive Committee Meeting tomorrow night.

The Board reviewed upcoming meeting dates and coverage.

A **Motion** was made to ratify the Successor Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion **Approved [FC/VP]**

X. Executive Session

A **Motion** was made to enter executive session at 7:44 pm [FC/MM]. The Board exited executive session at 7:48 pm. **No Action Taken**

XI. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting

Designate one hour for budget discussions

XII. The Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Prue