

WESTFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.
AT THE JAY/WESTFIELD SCHOOL

Board Members in attendance: Loren Petzoldt, Kevin Amyot

Administration/School Personnel in attendance: Kristy Ellis, Principal; Rebecca Velazquez, Jay/Westfield Recording Secretary.

I. At 8:07 pm the Westfield School Board meeting was brought to order by Loren Petzoldt.

II. Loren Petzoldt moved to approve the Minutes of December 8, 2015. Kevin Amyot seconded the motion, and the vote carried.

III. Unfinished and New Business

Actions:

A. Kevin Amyot motioned to approve the Westfield School District Assessment from Jay/Westfield Elementary Joint School Budget, totaling \$563,459. Loren Petzoldt seconded the motion and the vote carried.

B. Loren Petzoldt motioned to approve the Westfield Local School District Budget, totaling \$771, 872. Kevin Amyot seconded the motion and the vote carried.

C. Loren Petzoldt motioned and Kevin Amyot seconded the motion to approve Warning two Articles for Town Meeting, pertaining to the following.

1. To use (up to) \$30,000 of Jay/Westfield's surplus reserve for the purchase of cafeteria tables.
2. To place the remainder of the surplus in the Capital Fund.

Articles will be formally drawn up according to new ballot language guidelines.

Information/Discussion:

A. Loren Petzoldt presented the Westfield School District Budget. He noted the Special Education Reimbursement, 56% of assessed cost. He also reported that all costs attributed to Laraway will be 100% reimbursed. Hot lunch costs were not presented on the budget, as they are an "even in and out." Auditing costs include money due to Besaw & Associates for FY13/14 and the amount due to Pace & Hawley for FY15.

Loren Petzoldt and Kevin Amyot discussed Junior High tuition costs and the number of students planning to attend next year. The increase in students from rental homes has made Westfield's enrollment numbers more unpredictable than in the past. 7th and 8th grade tuition costs \$14,000 per student. Therefore, a decrease in students would make a sizable impact on the budget. A Westfield reserve fund exists to cover unexpected tuition, such as a new resident.

B. Kevin Amyot went into detail about community input following the January 6, 2016 Community Forum. He and Loren Petzoldt agreed that they would like to pursue a vote on joining NCUJHS Union District. The two also agreed that considering a Jay/Westfield Unified School District is farther off and more information needs to be gathered. However, this year's spike in Westfield's assessment would make for a good argument in favor of consolidation. One Unified School District would keep the budget distribution steadier and more predictable.

C. Loren Petzoldt did not make a decision for or against running for another

Board term.

IV. Future Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting:

- A. The Board confirmed Tuesday, February 9, 2016, directly following the Jay/Westfield Board Meeting, as the date of the next Westfield Board Meeting.
- B. Future Agenda Discussion Items will include:
 - a. Cost Containment Threshold/Penalties
 - b. NCUJHS Union District Membership
 - c. Town Meeting Presentation

IV. Adjourn : Kevin Amyot motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Loren Petzoldt seconded the motion. Vote carried.