

Killington Elementary School

Board of Director's Meeting

April 23, 2015 @ 8:15am

APPROVED

Present – Jennifer Iannantuoni, Butch Findeisen, Laura McKenna, Loren Pepe- Principal, Sarah Rasmussen-Recording Secretary, Richard Seaman-Director of Finance, Alice Wirth-Superintendent of Schools

1. Meeting called to order at 8:18 am
2. Motion was made to amend the Agenda to go out of order by Jennifer Iannantuoni, seconded by Butch Findeisen, approved.

Public Comments/Visitors:

Missy Knipes came to discuss the status of the K-1 combination class. The Board was checking in on status of next year's numbers and class size. Board will continue to monitor throughout the summer.

3. Action/Discussion:

- KES Surplus – discussion of KES surplus in the budget and options of what to do with it. Action: board decided to call a Special Town Meeting to move the surplus money that stems from an unanticipated increase in tuition students during the 2014-15 school year, into Reserve funds.
- KMS/KES – continued discussion of a KES/KMS partnership. Action: board is requesting KMS to come back to them with a written proposal.
- New Hire(s) Approval – Board approved the hiring of Emma Murray as the new 4th grade teacher effective July 1st. She is replacing retiring teacher Maria Garland.

Board approved the hiring of Ann Eckler for the Custodial Support position, effective once all paperwork is completed.

4. Correspondence:

Jen read correspondences to the board. The one from Alison Naugle was relating to her recent training through the Vermont Science Institute. Due to her training she now qualifies to move up a step on the pay scale. Butch Findeisen made a motion to wait to finalize her 2015-16 contract until her new pay scale paperwork is approved by the WCSU office and to reimburse her for this professional development course. Laura McKenna seconded it. Approved unanimously.

5. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:44 am. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:51 am.

6. Administrative Reports:

Principal Report -

Educational Issues:

- **Enrollment outlook for 2015-16** – At this time, it appears that the enrollment for KES will be 92 students, with 26 students in K/1. The KES Principal and School Board will closely monitor the enrollment numbers in K/1 to determine needs.

- **Kindergarten and Preschool Registration** – Update
- **SBAC Testing Update** – KES students began the new Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) Test in grades 5 and 6 this week. Students in grades 3 and 4 will be tested later in May. English/language arts and mathematics are the main areas of focus in this assessment. This test is a change from the NECAP testing done over the last decade. The new SBAC testing is a computer adapted test, designed to provide each student with test questions adapted to his/her level. For a closer look at the SBAC test, view practice and training tests on the SBAC website:
https://login4.cloud1.tds.airast.org/student/V105/Pages/LoginShell.aspx?c=SBAC_PT
- **Mentoring for New Teachers** – With new teachers in grades 3 and 4 in the next school year, KES plans to have a solid mentoring plan in place. Besides having mentors within the school, the new teachers will be able to review curriculum and collaborate on student needs with retiring teachers, Maria Garland and Kate Carey. A plan for this mentorship is in progress.
- **Long Term Substitute** – A long term substitute will be needed in 6th grade. An ad will be posted on School Spring in May, with the hope of hiring over the summer months.
- **Woodstock Endowment Award** – Maria Garland wrote a grant for KEVA Planks for \$800, which will allow us to purchase two sets of these. These blocks will allow students to become creative as they delve in engineering and design practices.
- **KEEPERS Fundraising** – Update

Business Issues:

- **Enrollment: K-6 - 95; Preschool - 10**
Tuition: 49
- **Safety:**
Evacuation drill – 03/31/15; Lockdown drill – 03/18/15; Bus Evac Drill – 11/04/14
- **Building and Grounds** – See attached notes
- **School Energy Management Assessment** – refer to recent assessment and determine current needs for KES. Compare to the energy ideas that may be included in our Capital Improvement Plan for a later date.
- **Substitute Line** – in budget will see an overage largely due to sub needed in preschool for 1:1 student need for a length of time, and a sub needed to cover a para who needed a two week unpaid leave.

Superintendent Report – none

7. Approve Minutes: March 17, 2015, April 8, 2015:

A motion was made by Jen to approve the minutes from the April 8th meeting, seconded by Butch; approved.

A motion was made by Butch to approve the minutes from the March 17th meeting, seconded by Jen, approved.

Next Meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 8:15 am

Special Town Meeting will be warned for June 5, 2015 at 8:30 am in the KES cafeteria, with the KES Board meeting immediately following in the Principals office.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55am

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Rasmussen, recording secretary.