

SEDGWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Sedgwick School Library

Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: Susan Ford, Marti Brill, Michele Levesque, Elizabeth True, Sommer Gray

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, OJ Logue, Donald Buckingham, Lynnette Grindle

Guests: Anne Berleant

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum (5:13PM)
2. Approval of the Agenda – True and Levesque (5-0)
3. Citizens Comments
4. Approval of the Minutes of the December 20, 2016 and January 9, 2017 meetings
5. Reports
 - a. Principal
Don Buckingham reviewed that there were many activities going on and that the school is very busy. He thanked all of those who are volunteering their time to make these events happen.
 - b. Special Education Director
OJ Logue reviewed the last three years of special education numbers and their identifications.
 - c. Superintendent
The Superintendent reviewed the beginning of the RTI/Literacy work going on in the Union and how last Friday's In-service Day went with staffs from all three districts getting together. SLO Consultant Curtis Jack assisted teachers in the am while support staff worked on intervention strategies. Staff had lunch supplied by the Union and then could pick one of three choices in the PM.
6. Action Items
 - a. Budget Review and approval
 - a. Updated 17-18 Budget
 - i. Review #s and %
The Superintendent reviewed the updated budget. We are looking at a 2.9% increase in the budget. Liz True and the Superintendent discussed their meeting with the Sedgwick Selectmen and how it was a good back and forth discussion. The selectmen would like to see us do as much as we could to reduce the budget below 2% and that maybe we should look at postponing the work on the gym wall to keep taxes lower.
 - ii. Adjustments/changes

Much discussion revolved around other possible reductions of the 2 student contingency in the tuition accounts so as to keep the building project. No decision was made.

iii. Discussion?

Concerns were raised around feedback Board members were getting with the number of community people who had talked to them about comparing last year's budget increase to whatever we do this year. Superintendent was asked to look into if there were funds available in reserve accounts.

b. Budget Approval: Discussion held on this.

Approval of staffing adjustments/reductions

- i. Approval of supplies, books and other reductions
- ii. Approval of Special Ed increases
- iii. Approval of 17-18 Sedgwick Budget draft
- iv. Other?

b. Adjustments to Policy 1.05 Memorials and Naming of School Facilities

The Board received a petition regarding the naming of the playground signed by multiple school and community members.

Motion by Levesque, second by Brill to suspend the one year moratorium for the naming of school facilities and voted to name the playground after our retiring principal. Vote: 5/Y, 0/N.

7. Discussion Items

A. Principal Search next steps

The Superintendent reviewed the ad and for advertising online. Some dates were changed to follow our needs.

8. Communications

Staff Retirements -- The Superintendent thanked Lorraine Brown and Michael Schrader for their years of service to the Sedgwick School having received and accepted their letters of retirement. (Lorraine Brown for her two decades of service to the young people of Sedgwick)

9. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) Negotiations

Motion by Gray, second by True to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D) Negotiations at 6:49 p.m. Participating: Susan Ford, Marti Brill, Michele Levesque, Elizabeth True, Sommer Gray and Christian Elkington Returned to regular session at 7:16 p.m.

10. Adjournment – (7:16PM), Brill & Gray (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary
