

Sunderland School Committee Meeting
Sunderland Elementary School
Monday, June 19, 2017

Present: Douglas Fulton, Gregory Gottschalk (arrived at 6:50 pm), Keith McFarland, Michelle Tomlinson and Maisie Shaw; Principal Ben Barshefsky; Business Manager Patricia Cavanaugh and Superintendent Lynn M. Carey

Chair Douglas Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Superintendent Carey called for nominations for Chair of the School Committee. Keith McFarland moved, seconded by Maisie Shaw, to nominate Douglas Fulton for Chair. Approved 3-0-1. Keith McFarland moved, seconded by Michelle Tomlinson, to nominate Greg Gottschalk for Vice-Chair. Approved 4-0-0. Michelle Tomlinson moved, seconded by Doug Fulton, to nominate Maisie Shaw for Secretary. Approved 3-0-1. Chair Doug Fulton made the following appointments: Frontier Representative, Keith McFarland; The Collaborative Representative, Michelle Tomlinson; School Council Liaison, Maisie Shaw; and Union #38 Representatives, Michelle Tomlinson, Doug Fulton and Greg Gottschalk. On a motion from Maisie Shaw, and a second from Doug Fulton, the Minutes of May 17, 2017 were approved 4-0-0.

Business Manager Patricia Cavanaugh presented 9 warrants for a total of \$44,990.94. There is an estimated \$25,438 in year-end funds that will be used to pay for unpaid lunch bills (total \$5,192) and a loss for school cafeteria (of \$3,940.28). Of the remaining \$15,316 we will purchase: 1) Meals Plus; 2) Blinds in back classroom; and 3) Painting and wall repairs. There is \$38,000 savings in School Choice revolving – we spent less out of choice because of more salaries coming out of general funds. Ben may use \$2,000 of school choice funds to cover the deduction in materials he gave back to the town when the override failed.

Keith McFarland motion to approve the end of year spending as prioritized funds: 1) Cafeteria Debt; 2) Meals Plus; 3) Blinds for Back Classrooms and 4) Painting and wall repair. Michelle Tomlinson seconded. Approved 4-0-0.

Patti explained the school lunch program. We hired a consultant to analyze our 5 schools lunch programs. Recommendation include better menus and better presentation of food, more marketing We will receive the report this summer and we will begin instituting change this fall.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Unfinished Business, School choice was discussed. There are 2 spots in kindergarten for a total of 31 students. There are still 4 spots that could possibly open in 6th grade. Motion to approve plan for school choice seats in Kindergarten. Doug Fulton motion, seconded by Maisie Shaw. Approved 4-0-0.

Also under Unfinished Business, non-union salary recommendations were discussed. Keith McFarland made a motion to approve non-union salary recommendations as listed with the exception of Out of School Time employees who will receive a 1% increase. Seconded by Doug Fulton. Approved 4-0-0.

Under New Business, there was discussion of amending Policy EEA: Student Transportation. The change would be to add the bolded words in the following: “Grades K-3 students will not be released from the vehicle unless a parent, guardian, or designated caregiver **“or sibling in grade 4 or higher”** is present. This will be voted on at the September meeting.

Under Reports, Principal Barshefsky spoke about his lovely new daughter Ava’s arrival. He spoke about Pond and Pavement, the climbing wall update, June events and upcoming year-end activities. Superintendent Carey gave her report and spoke to the information that is available to the public on the district and individual schools’ websites.

On a motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Michelle Tomlinson, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Carey, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Summary of Documents Presented:

Minutes of May 16, 2017

Monthly Financial Statement

Non-Union Salary Recommendations

Policy EEA: Student Transportation

Principal’s Report

Superintendents’ Report

Monthly Enrollment