

Sunderland School Committee Meeting  
Sunderland Elementary School  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

**MINUTES**

Present: Douglas Fulton, Keith McFarland, Maisie Shaw and Gregory Gottschalk;  
Principal Ben Barshefsky; Business Manager Patricia Cavanaugh and  
Superintendent Lynn Carey

Absent: Michelle Tomlinson

Chair Doug Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

On a motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Maisie Shaw, the Minutes of April 6, 2017 were approved 4-0-0.

Patti Cavanaugh, Business Manager, presented the Financial Statement. There were 11 warrants for a total of \$101,631.03. There were no outstanding concerns. With any possible left over monies, we will need to pay off any possible debts from the lunch program.

There was no Public Comment.

Under Unfinished Business, there was discussion on School Choice Openings. Currently, there are 29 school choice students. Principal Barshefsky thinks it might be prudent to table school choice openings discussion until June when we will have a better idea of where the numbers will land. On a motion from Doug Fulton, and a second from Keith McFarland, it was agreed to table School Choice Recommendations until the June school committee meeting. Approved 4-0-0.

Under New Business, on a motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Greg Gottschalk, a motion to move the June school committee meeting from June 6, 2017 to after the special Sunderland Town Meeting on Friday, June 16, 2017, date to be determined, was approved 4-0-0.

Also under new business, Superintendent Carey presented non-union salary recommendations. This will be voted on at the June meeting.

Review Request to Reduce the FY18 Budget from Sunderland Select Board. Patti Cavanaugh presented a proposed FY18 revised budget. Due to a tuitioned-in student in the Early Childhood Program, we will be able to roll tuition money into next year's budget because it is a revolving account. This will offset an Early Childhood teacher's salary. We will also decrease \$1,000 in the general supply lines and decrease \$1,000 in instructional materials and supplies. This is an overall decrease of \$12,000. On a motion from Greg Gottschalk, and a second from Keith McFarland, motion to adopt the budget as presented with the three changes. Approved 4-0-0.

Principal Barshefsky presented the Principals' Report. He spoke about fundraising for a climbing wall, and a successful Family Fun Night. Several important dates for the end of the school year were reviewed.

Superintendent Carey presented her report. In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, she thanked the district teachers for all their hard work.

Superintendent Carey presented her evaluation results compiled by the Union 38 Chair, Ken Cuddeback. She scored proficient in meeting her goals and in all four standards.

On a Motion from Greg Gottschalk, and a second from Keith McFarland, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm. Approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Minutes of April 6, 2017
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. Letter from Town of Sunderland Board of Selectmen
4. Proposed FY18 Budget
5. Principal's Report
6. Employment List
7. Monthly Enrollment