

Sunderland School Committee Meeting
Sunderland Elementary School
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

MINUTES

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

Chair Doug Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

On a motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Maisie Shaw, the Minutes of June 21, 2016 were approved 5-0-0.

Keith McFarland asked about unpaid cafeteria bills. There was \$2,000.00 uncollected last year. Patricia Cavanaugh, Business Manager, spoke about payment plans. Keith also asked about funds left over from building security repair – no money left over except a little bit that went into the new ECE classroom and this year's funds went toward a Smart Board. He asked about how the year end monies were spent. Patti responded that although the committee had approved use of the funds for a new classroom smartboard, the priority became prepping the new Early Childhood classroom, and the funds were used for repairs and maintenance.

Patti spoke about an update on our school choice monies. FY16's money was \$303,357.00 but we have already spent \$121,996.73. We're spending our FY18 money this year. We will be left with only \$78,153.27 at the end of the year. We are spending the money as we earn it, not a year in arrears. We did have new students that required an individual IA. With an increase in students, we are also having an increase in special education needs – the cost of educating these students is more. We will have to move some of our salaries on to our town appropriated budget gradually. We will need to be strategic at budget time about the decisions we make.

There were 7 warrants for a total of \$74, 103.73.

The school committee will use the information from the state in December to begin discussions on the upcoming budget.

There was no Public Comment.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Under New Business, a new start time for school committees was discussed. On a Motion from Greg Gottschalk, and a second from Michelle Tomlinson, Sunderland School Committee meetings will have a start time of 6 pm. Approved 5-0-0.

The annual MASC/MASS Joint conference was discussed. On a motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Greg Gottschalk, Michelle Tomlinson was nominated to be the Official Delegate. Approved 5-0-0

Under Reports, Michelle Tomlinson will attend the Collaborative Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.

Under the Principal's Report, Principal Barshefsky spoke to the following:

- Summer Update: Sunderland was host to several summer programs.
- Summer Building Maintenance: Main project was the ECE classroom. Floors, carpentry, electrical, and plumbing were added to finish the room. Five students are now here for the full day program.
- Student count: Increase in our population.
- Personnel Update: List included.

The Superintendent gave her report which spoke to the Superintendent's Entry Plan, the MASC/MASS Joint Conference in November, and an update on PowerSchool, the districts' new student information systems update. She also spoke about being invited to attend the Sunderland Town Select Board Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:30 to discuss the central office move to Frontier Regional School.

On a Motion from Keith McFarland, and a second from Michelle Tomlinson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Summary of Documents Presented:

1. Minutes of June 21, 2016
2. Monthly Financial Report
3. MASC Official Delegate Form
4. Principal's Report
5. Superintendent's Report
6. Employment List
7. Opening Day Enrollment