

Fayston Elementary School
Fayston, Vermont 05673
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Approved 3/16/10
March 11, 2010 @ 3:00 PM - Fayston School

Board Members Present: Susan Daley, Michael Riddell, Bob Lockett, Russell Beilke, Heidi Spear

Others Present: Chris Dodge, Michelle Baker, Brigid Scheffert

3:12 Brigid called the meeting to order and called for Board Reorganization.

Brigid called for a nomination of a Board Chair. Michael was nominated by Susan. The nomination was seconded by Heidi. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. Motion passed unanimously

Michael called for a nomination of Board Clerk. Susan was nominated by Bob and Michael seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held about the position of Recording Secretary. Chris told the Board he had spoken to the Secretary of State's Office and they discourage Board members and administrators from being the ones to take formal meeting minutes because it can be hard to participate in a focused discussion and take notes. Tape recording was also not advised. Chris told the Board that the Secretary of State's Office said most Boards hire someone to take minutes. Brigid and Michelle informed the Board that the customary practice is to hire a Recording Secretary to enable all Board Members to participate fully in discussion and votes. Bob noted that this cost is not included in our budget. Chris introduced the question of using the funds still in the Principle's Discretionary Fund to cover this cost. Michelle confirmed that these funds could be reallocated to cover this cost. It was unanimously agreed that we would utilize these funds to cover this expense for the remainder of this year, April, May and June Board Meetings, assuming that we can find someone to fill the position. Michelle will apprise Chris of what is paid by other schools for this service and Chris will post this job opening. It was agreed that the value of contracting a Recording Secretary would be reassessed in June.

Michael called for the nomination of Board Representatives to the WWSU. Susan, Bob and Russell were nominated by Michael and the nominations were seconded by Heidi. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael called for the nomination of a Board Representative to the WWSU Executive Committee. Susan nominated Russell and Bob seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael called for the appointment of the Truant Officer. The Board agreed unanimously to appoint the Building Administrator.

The Times Argus was designated as newspaper of record. Chris noted that most things that are advertised in the Times Argus are also advertised in the Valley Reporter, that that is probably the more widely read paper in the Valley. However, we need a daily newspaper of record to accommodate timelines for advertising.

Board meeting day and time was set as the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

Motion by Mike to go to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issue at 3:29, inviting Brigid, Michelle and Chris to stay. Seconded by Susan. Motion passed unanimously.

Out of Executive Session at 4:10.

Motion made by Russell for Resolution to support Chris Dodge regardless of outcome to the extent the law allows. Motion seconded by Susan. The motion passed unanimously. The motion was in reference to issues related to the former After-School Program's financial issues.

Chris introduced the question of eligibility of a new support staff hire for single person health insurance in 2010-2011 school year. All were in support of allowing a hire to be made now to be eligible for insurance next year, allowing this year to count as the first year of service. The current protocol allows eligible support staff to qualify for insurance in their second consecutive year.

Motion to adjourn by Russell at 4:15. Seconded by Susan. Passed unanimously.