

SHUTESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Final Minutes

August 25, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hayes, Stephen Sullivan, Katie Fiander and Lauren Thomas-Paquin, members; Jennifer Haggerty, Superintendent of Schools; Aaron Osborne, Director of Finance and Operations; Fred Vanderbeck, Community.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Review of Agenda and Perpetual Calendar – There were no comments.
3. Warrants and Gifts – There were no warrants to sign and no gifts to discuss.
4. Approval of the Minutes from June 23, 2016 – On a motion by Dan Hayes and seconded by Lauren Thomas-Paquin, the minutes of June 23, 2016 were approved unanimously with no edits.
5. Public Comments and Announcements – There were no comments or announcements made.
6. New Business/Discussion Items
 - a. Lauren Thomas-Paquin had requested any information on the MASC Conference. Dan Hayes said if anyone was interested, they need to register and make reservations. He offered to go if no one else could. He felt it is important to attend. The conference is November 8 – 10, 2016.
7. Home School Applications – On a motion by Dan Hayes and seconded by Katie Fiander, the 4 home school applications were approved. All in favor. Lauren Thomas-Paquin asked about the basis for approval. Superintendent Haggerty clarified the need for School Committee to approve is a formality. Very little leeway. Dan Hayes clarified we can offer them services. Stephen Sullivan asked how we know about the students. Jackie Mendonsa explained some live under the radar. No comprehensive database.
8. Unfinished Business/Updates – Jackie Mendonsa stated there is a new employee request for child to attend pre-k. The school is happy to take the child. There are always 2 openings for pre-k. Dan Hayes made a motion to approve and the motion was seconded by Lauren Thomas-Paquin. All in favor.
9. Policy Review – JH – Absences and Excuses Policy – Superintendent Haggerty indicated that a notification piece was added in the middle. On a motion by Dan Hayes and seconded by Lauren Thomas-Paquin, the policy was approved as a final vote. All in favor.
10. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report – The report was shared. Lost large 6th grade class. There are 122 students. Dan Hayes asked about the SC Success. Jackie Mendonsa focused on word of mouth. Trade more likely in November versus October in report due to Conservation Commission timing.

- b. Jennifer Haggerty shared that there is one new staff member in Payroll (Megan Young). Preparing for opening date. Final interviews with staff. Approved for security in the Central Office.
 - c. Amherst Pelham Representative's Report - ARPS Superintendent has left and paid \$309,000. Minutes not released yet.
 - i. Sarah Dolven resigned from the Regional School Committee. No need for lawyer per letter from community. Discussed various details of the buyout. Discuss on how executive session operates. Discussion at how payout would be structured.
 - d. Aaron Osborne shared the financial report.
 - e. Union #28 Report – Jennifer Haggerty and Aaron Osborne stated there needs to be a Budget and Personnel Committee and Joint Supervisory Committee meeting in September.
 - f. CES Report – There is nothing to report.
11. The Policy Committee meeting will be changed to 6:30 p.m.
12. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Osborne

Director of Finance and Operations