

ROCHESTER-STOCKBRIDGE UNIFIED DISTRICT BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019 – 6:30 PM

ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Carl called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. In attendance were school board members Carl Groppe, Amy Wildt, Janie Feinberg, and Ethan Bowen; administration Lindy Stetson; SU representation Tara Weatherell; and 2 representatives from Black River Design
  
2. Adjustments to the Agenda:
  - 2.1 Tara added RFP for FY 20 Tax anticipation note -added action item 6.1
  - 2.2 Tara added FY19 budget projection - added 5.5
  - 2.3 Lindy added Principals report 5.6
  - 2.4 Amy added Board comment - 4.a and Public comment - 4.b
  - 2.5 Lindy added executive session for a personnel matter - 9.1
  - 2.6 Ethan added Rochester pick up process - 5.7
  
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3.1 Act to approve Tuesday, May 7, 2019 minutes (Regular)
  - 3.2 Janie make a motion to accept above minutes, Ethan seconded. Minutes approved.
  
4. Re-Organize - Discussion ensure on roles of the WRVSU board members, and current positions
  - 4.1 Elect a Chairperson - Carl Groppe
  - 4.2 Elect a Vice Chairperson - Amy Wildt
  - 4.3 Elect a Clerk - Jenny Austin
  - 4.4 Appoint 3 Members to the WRVSU Full Board - Carl Groppe, Megan Payne, and 2 alternating members, Janie Feinburg, Amy Wildt
  - 4.5 Appoint 1 Member and 1 Alternate to the WRVSU Executive Board - Carl Groppe, Ethan Bowen
  - 4.6 Appoint a Recording Secretary - Jenny Austin
  - 4.7 Appoint 1 Member and 1 Alternate for signing of A/P and Payroll - Janie Feinburg, Amy Wildt
  - 4.8 Appoint 2 Members to the Negotiation Board - Carl Groppe, Ethan Bowen
  - 4.9 Appoint Truant Officer - Tabled till further notice from SU Board
  - 4.10 Designate Newspaper and Radio Station for Official Notices - Herald, WDEV

It was noted that Mountain Times is a free circulated paper. At this time the board will leave the Herald as designated paper, but would keep Mountain Times in mind for publishing in the future

4.11 Set Date, Time and Location of Regular School Board Meetings - First Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm alternating between Stockbridge and Rochester

4.12 Designate Posting places - Post offices in both towns, Schools in both towns, Town clerks in both towns

4.13 Other

4.A Board Comment - Amy purposed that we add another regular meeting to each month, specifically during budget season, so we can really give each topic proper discussion time. Everyone agreed.

4.B Public Comment - Mason Wade was concerned that topics, such as the Marques, that were brought up at last meeting, and were not responded to at this meeting. The board noted this concern and will work harder to respond better. Mason also voiced concerns that the school was not using as much electric tools and he feels they should and asked the board to advocate for more electric initiatives'. The board discuss this further at their retreat.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Black River Design Report - They gave a summary of their findings in all buildings with a priority list of repairs and improvements for a variety of scenarios. Black River Design asked for feedback and questions before the report is finalized. Discussion ensued. Most notably it was discussed that this report is the beginning of many conversations. A formal comprehensive finalized report will be printed and provided.

5.2 Stockbridge Generator - Lindy was asked to look into Tesla batteries as an alternative to a generator. Green Mountain Power only does residential sized batteries. The generator company we got the quote from works with emergency grant programs. Carl asked that before any decision be made we have a clear understanding of the amount of grant funding we would receive. Janie will go to the select board and ask if they are willing to fund some of the cost of the generator, as the school is an emergency shelter. Janie will also contact the Rochester Shelter committee as a resource for information.

5.3 Annual Meeting Review - Tabled due to time and missing Board members.

5.4 Schedule Board Retreat - Tabled due to missing Board members.

5.5 FY19 Budget Projections - Tara provided a spreadsheet on where she anticipates our FY19 budget to end up. We had a revenue shortfall and our building have spent under budget. She anticipates we will have a positive fund balance of \$18,912.33.

5.6 Principal Report - Lindy handed out her report and highlighted the many combined activities at our school. She noted that SBAC testing is done, and hopefully at next meeting she will be able to report on how our children did. Due to our small population

she will find a way to keep privacy. There were 9 applicants for the 4th grade position, they are going to have interviews with 5 of them next week.

5.7 Rochester pickup Process - There is concern with parents having to stand outside in the rain. Also parents are not feeling welcome when they do approach the front entrance. There is a safety issues with people being in the building. Bonnie will be able to answer more when she returns.

6. Action Items

6.1 RFP for FY 20 Tax anticipation - Tara provided 3 different banks. Tara recommended using Community National Bank because they give us the best rates. The Board took her recommendation. So moved. The Board authorized Carl Groppe to sign documents on its behalf if it only requires one signature.

7. Other

8. Confirm Next Meeting Date(s)

8.1 Tuesday, July 2, 2019 - 6:30 PM @ Stockbridge Campus

9. Executive Session -

9.1 Amy made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:24.

10. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:36

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Wildt