

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held April 19, 2023.

Members Present: S. Powers, E. Trudeau, L. Jackson, R. Strittmatter, and S. Rogala.

Members absent: J. Bell and S. Staffan

Also Present: Superintendent Curth, Principal Valot, and K. Strittmatter

Meeting called to order by President Powers at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by E. Trudeau, Support by R. Strittmatter to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Finance Report: The county tax settlement checks have arrived. MILAF interest was over \$8, 000 for March, we expect over \$50,000 for the year in interest. The Building and Site funds have been moved from MILAF to the B & S account. The taxable value has increased to 9.4 million dollars for 2023-2024.

Secretary's Report: Supt. Curth read a letter of retirement from Paul Wallin. L. Jackson, made a motion to accept, support by S. Powers. Carried.

Public Participation: Linda Wissely from the Center for Change spoke on a Zoom meeting she was going to attend, and also a meeting with Senator DaMoose. She asked if anyone had any concerns they wanted her to bring up during her meetings.

Motion by R. Strittmatter, support by S. Powers to approve the bills in the amount of \$32,183.38. Carried.

Teacher's Rep Report: Scott Morrison was in attendance and reported that everything was busy.

Principal's Report: Becky Valot reported that students in grades 5-8 went to Bay Harbor to see the Lighting Thief musical production. Students in grades 3-8 have started the M-Step, and the Seniors are going to the Opera House to hear a Supreme Court case next week. The March student of the months are Summer Vrooman, Giada Lieghio, and Naomi Knack.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- (a) Schools of Choice: The board discussed and voted to allow schools of choice in grades 1-12, limiting class openings to keep class sizes at 16. The

deadline for schools of choice will be July 31. Motion by R. Strittmatter, support by S. Powers, carried.

- (b) Building and Site Update: The board received updates from Supt Curth on the building and site projects. The first was the protective window film. S. Powers motioned to allow up to \$40,000 for protective window film covering, L. Jackson support.

The roof project will start the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.

The next phase of the “new” construction project was discussed. R. Strittmatter motioned, S. Powers support to spend up to \$163,800 for the next step, which includes mechanical, electrical, and construction manager plans.

- (c) OPIE Award: This year’s OPIE Award winner is Alicia Powers. Motion by R. Strittmatter, support by L. Jackson. Carried.

Public Participation: none

Superintendent’s Report: Elementary swimming will be taught by Angie Morthland, May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. This year’s Valedictorian is Jeffrey Siebigteroth and we will have two Salutatorians, Lars and Larissa Huffman.

Board Comments: J. Bell – absent, L. Jackson – none, S. Powers – none, R. Strittmatter- “Thanks to Paul for all his years of service and it’s good to see Mr. Morrison here, I hope you are enjoying your first year here”, S. Staffan – absent, S. Rogala – none, E. Trudeau- none

Motion by E. Trudeau, support by L. Jackson to adjourn at 7:07. Carried.