

Poultney Town School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting (Re-organizational)
Official Minutes
March 10, 2009
6:30 PM
PHS Library

Attendance:

Board Members: Mary Jo Teetor, Pat Davenport, Al Jackson, Mike Nagar, Tracee Oakman Rupe
Superintendent Tom Gallagher, PHS Principal Jean Oakman, PES Principal Kristen Caliguiri, Business Manager Louis Milazzo

Superintendent Tom Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

Mr. Gallagher asked for nominations for Board Chair.

*Al Jackson nominated Mary Jo Teetor. Mike Nagar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Gallagher handed the meeting over to Mary Jo Teetor at this time.

Mary Jo Teetor asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

*Mike Nagar nominated Al Jackson. Tracee Oakman Rupe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Mary Jo Teetor moved to nominate Pat Davenport as Board Clerk. Mike Nagar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*The board re-affirmed the regular monthly meeting for the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at PHS library.

*Appointments to the RSWSU board as Poultney representatives are Mary Jo Teetor, Mike Nagar, and Pat Davenport. Al Jackson and Tracee Oakman Rupe are alternate representatives.

*Town Treasurer Patty McCoy is appointed School District Treasurer.

*Newspaper of record is the Rutland Herald.

*Constable Dale Kerber is appointed Truant Officer

*Mary Jo Teetor is appointed representative to Stafford Technical Center.

*Roberts Rules for small boards was re-affirmed

*RSWSU Committee representatives: Finance – Al Jackson

Human Resources – Mike Nagar

Systems Management – Mary Jo Teetor

Resignations: Superintendent Gallagher recommended the board accept the resignation of PHS Math Teacher John Troy effective immediately.

*Mike Nagar made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. John Troy. Pat Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried

Hires: Superintendent Gallagher recommended the following new hires to the board:

*Katherine Stewart- Long Term Substitute PHS Math Teacher for the remainder of year.

*Raymond Lamberton- Varsity Softball Co-coach

*William Jones – Varsity Softball Co-coach

*Medrick Petty – Jr. Varsity Softball Coach

*Susan Riggs – 7/8th Grade Softball Coach

*Tim Durham- Substitute Custodian

*Justin Morse – Junior High Golf Coach

*David Capman – Varsity Golf Coach

*Dan Williams – Varsity Baseball Coach

*Frank Barker – Jr. Varsity Baseball Coach

*Jacob Rigopoulos- 7/8 grade Baseball Coach

Pat Davenport made a motion to approve the new hires as recommended. Al Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Truexcollins Proposal: There was discussion about the next steps now that the voters have approved the science lab renovations. Superintendent Gallagher suggested the board authorize the board chair to sign the proposal with an adjustment to the bottom line not to exceed the amount approved by the voters.

*Pat Davenport made a motion to authorize the board chair to sign proposal with the amendment to the bottom line adjusted not to exceed the amount approved (644,387.00). Al Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was further discussion about forming a facilities committee and hiring a project manager/clerk of the works. The facilities committee would meet with the project manager/clerk throughout the project for updates and any decisions that might need to be made adjusting orders. The project manager/clerk would be the liaison between all aspects of the project and the committee. The committee would intern keep the board informed at the project progressed.

Mike Nagar, Kristen Caliguirri, Al Jackson, Superintendent Gallagher all volunteered to serve on the facilities committee.

An advertisement will be posted for a project manager/clerk of the works (Matt Wheaton from Truexcollins will help by providing a job description to help formulate an add).

Pawlet Transportation:

Principal Jean Marie Oakman and Business Manager Louis Milazzo spoke about the on going concern about our Pawlet students and the transportation issues that have occurred since the bus has been compromised. The Pawlet board stopped helping us by sharing in the funding transportation this year so the students now need to catch the bus from Wells to get to Poultney or transport themselves. The board is willing to brainstorm some ideas to remedy the concerns so that we can continue to attract the Pawlet students who want to attend Poultney. This will be put on the April agenda for further discovery and discussion to see if some solutions that benefit all can be found.

Principal Oakman had a list of nine books for College Prep. English taught by Mr. Holliman for approval. Superintendent Tom Gallagher recommended approval of the list. *Pat Davenport made a motion to approve the list of books recommended by Superintendent Gallagher. Mike Nagar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Principal Oakman had a request from the senior class advisors to purchase glasses to be given as prom gift. Glasses of this nature have come under criticism in the past as they seem to be associated with promoting drinking by some. Superintendent Gallagher would not recommend that these glasses be given out as anything remotely associated or interpreted as promoting drinking of alcohol would come back at the school. The request was denied. Principal Oakman did say the advisors did have some alternative ideas they would have to consider as gifts.

Pat Davenport mentioned an article in the Lakes Region Free Press about the Art Department. It was a very nice positive article but, she was concerned there was mention of a fundraiser being done to fund the department. Principal Oakman was unaware of the article or the fundraiser. A reminder needs to be made that all fundraisers must be approved by the principal and accounted for through class and clubs. Administration should be informed as a courtesy about articles submitted for publication to the local papers about school related topics.

Principal Kristen Caliguiri is concerned about the e-mail system being disrupted and shutting down. If people are trying to communicate to her via e-mail it might be a little longer response time because of the glitches occurring (seems random). It seems to be an ongoing problem that has not been remedied. Superintendent Gallagher also mentioned there were problems with e-mail and spam. The problem is being worked on but, service is still inconsistent.

*Al Jackson made a motion to move into executive session at 7:45 for contracts, negotiations. Mike Nagar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

*Pat Davenport made a motion to move out of executive session. Al Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No Action Taken.

Al Jackson made a motion to adjourn at 8:10. Mike Nagar seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jo Teetor, chair