

PETERSHAM CENTER SCHOOL AGENDA
APRIL 9, 2015
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7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: Russell Fontaine called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Members Present: Russell Fontaine, Lynn Peredina, and Janice Coughlan.

Members Absent: None.

Others: Superintendent Tari Thomas, Principal Christopher Dodge, Director of Finance Daniel Haynes, and Alyssa Roberts

II. HEARING FOR VISITORS-

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. March 5, 2015 Minutes- *Lynn Peredina moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2015. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.*

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **FY16 Budget- (presented in Public Budget Hearing)**

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Petersham Energy Committee-** Linda Paquet started off with saying the energy committee applied for a SAPPHIRE grant and basically what they did is they came out and did a feasibility study and determined what kind of alternative energy could be used here. Linda stated that the one that was most feasible was the pellet burner with a propane backup and an application still has to be done and engineering still has to be done and she explained that they will pay 75% of the total. Linda stated that she realizes that this cannot come out of the school budget and they are looking at different ways of funding this project. Linda explained that if they were to get a propane stand alone hot water heater it would not run those big oil burners in the summer. Linda explained the research that she has done with other schools that have gone with these options and they all have great things to say. Russell Fontaine asked would these be adding to our electricity bill. Linda stated she doesn't believe so. Jay Burke explained that he is very impressed with everything he saw and he thinks we could use the current room that we have for the boilers for this project. Linda stated if none of this funding that they are looking into comes through it would be possible to look at a loan. Dan explained that the town would have to borrow the money.
- b. **Social Networking and TRUG policies- (2nd vote)-** Tari stated if you recall the last time we met you did a first vote on two different policies and Social Networking is guidelines for staff

and the second is the TRUG which is the technology responsible use guidelines.

Janice Coughlan moved to approve the Social Networking Policy. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

Janice Coughlan moved to approve the TRUG Policy. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.

- c. **General Medication Administration policy-(1st vote)-** Tari stated that this is a very lengthy policy. Tari is going to ask you to defer any vote on this.
- d. **Vehicle Idling Policy- (1st vote)-** Defer this into the next meeting.
- e. **Vote SC member as Mahar representative-(vote required)-**
Russell would like to nominate Lynn Peredina to be the Mahar Representative. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.
- f. **School Calendar 2015-2016-(vote required)-** Tari explained that this has been approved by both the Orange and the RC Mahar committees.
Lynn Peredina moved to approve the School Calendar for the 2015-2016 calendar. Janice Coughlan seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.
- g. **Capital Improvement Planning Committee representative-** Tari explained that this was a request of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as a representative from this committee. The committee agreed to have Jay Burke serve on this committee as a representative.
- h. **Vote to accept school choice students-** *Janice Coughlan moved to accept school choice students for 2015-2016 from K-6 for Petersham Center School. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.*

VI. REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL- (In Packet). Chris Dodge wanted to say that the decision to leave was by all means not an easy one and this has been a pretty emotional week for himself and the staff. Chris explained that he appreciates the support from the School Committee. Chris would also like to commend his staff and students in the work with the PARCC testing.

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT- (In Packet). Tari talked about the roundtable discussion and a big topic was the upcoming Principal position. Tari stated that this will include herself, teachers, and a couple community members on the search committee.

VIII. REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE- Covered in the public hearing.

IX. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING- 1st vote for vehicle idling, 1st vote for medication administration, new policy on electronic communication via school committee members, milk bid, school improvement plan Principal Dodge will have this.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2015

June 1st is the Town Meeting. 7:30pm

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

- a. *Russell Fontaine moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if in open meeting may have a determinantal effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and chair so declares. Lynn Peredina seconded. Roll call done by Alyssa Roberts. All in favor.*

XI. ADJOURNMENT- *Lynn Peredina moved to adjourn at 8:51. Janice Coughlan seconded. Roll call done by Alyssa Roberts. All in favor.*

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Minutes Recorded by: Alyssa Roberts

APPROVED: April 30, 2015