

Waterville Valley School Board Meeting – October 19, 2023

Public Meeting at WVES

Members Present: Mike Furgal, Mike Koppel, and Tim Smith

Administration Present: Lindsay Costello, Principal WVES; Pam Martin, SAU 48 Assistant Superintendent, Dan Rossner, SAU 48 Business Administrator

Public Present: Patty Furgal, Town of Waterville Valley and School Moderator

Zoom: Rich Rita, WV Selectperson; and 1-2 others

Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM by Mike Furgal. Roll Call Attendance: Mike Koppel, Tim Smith, and Mike Furgal present.

Agenda Review and Disposition: The following added to Discussion Items

- Annual Report Requirements: MS 26, District Approved Budget
- Primary Voting Days

Minutes of September 11, 2023: Tim Smith “I MOTION to accept the minutes from September 11, 2023,” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Privilege of the Floor #1:

- a. Patty Furgal spoke about the upcoming primary election tentatively set for 1/23/24. Mike Furgal reported that at a recent joint Selectboard and School Board meeting, it was decided to hold elections at the Rec Center if the students are not in the attached WVES during this time. Lindsay Costello reports that the students will be at another location, and she will provide more information at the next School Board Meeting. Patty Furgal reported there will be 4 elections in 2024. Tim Smith spoke that there are other options or locations in the town of WV and there is no need to disrupt children. Further discussion will occur at the next School Board meeting on 11/30/23.

Principal's Report: Safety Committee met and updated the Emergency Operation Plan. Middle School overnight at Mizpah Hut with 15 students and 3 adults was successful. 2-3 students went to Cog Railway & Mt Washington, toured the weather station. Grades 4-5 Capital Center of the Arts trip was postponed. 10/11- all school hike to either Greeley Ponds or Mt Tecumseh. Squam Lake Science Center Trip for all students on 10/16. On 10/18, Kati Preston, a Holocaust survivor spoke at PES for SAU grades. On 10/21 is the Children's Chorus Festival at Bow High School and 8 students will be attending.

Upcoming Dates:

10/24 – K-1 to Winnepesaukee Playhouse to see Corduroy.

8th Graders – PSATs next week

11/8 – Veterans Day Ceremony at 8:30 am

11/22 – 12:00 Dismissal

Discussion Items:

A. Non-Resident Tuition Program:

Dan Rossner – per counsel, tuition for non-resident students needs to be consistent. Currently there are 4 students at WVES who are tuition students. Rich Rita will discuss with Mark Decoteau, Town Manager, possibility of WV employees' children who attend WVES receiving a subsidy towards school at WVES. WV taxpayers support the school via their taxes. Mike Furgal, who is also the treasurer of the WV Foundation (local non-profit in WV) discussed the potential for the foundation to support the PTO via a grant and the PTO can provide scholarships for students who would like to attend WV but the tuition makes it unaffordable. More discussion will need to take place with all parties.

B. Business Office Update – Dan Rossner

- a. Food Service Exemption: WVES previously provided breakfast and lunch to certain students. Recently WVES required one meal/day for qualified students. Legislation has changed and the requirements have increased. WVES is a small school and Dan Rossner spoke about a waiver to this legislation.

Mike Koppel "I MOTION we apply for a waiver for RSA 189:11." Tim Smith seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

- b. 2023 Tax Rate: The 2023 combine School/State Tax Rate has increased. This is due to the advocacy aid being gone and costs are slightly higher.

C. Facilities Update

- a. Lead Testing Results and Update: The maximum allowable concentration of lead in drinking water has decreased from 15 ppb to 5 ppb. WVES had a few sinks with slightly increased levels; faucets have been replaced on those sinks and retesting is underway. Those sinks/faucets are not in used until results known.
- b. Fire Panel Design: Dan Rossner and Pam Martin both discussed this. School Board can use money that was put aside in unreserved funds from last year to pay for \$4,000 fire panel design. The Board agreed to move forward on design.

D. Use of Restraints and Seclusion Policy – JKAA – 1st Reading: Pam Martin discussed with the Board the changes to new policy from the last policy which was written/updated in 2010. Lindsay Costello reported that four staff members have been trained. Tim Smith "I MOTION we accept the policy JKAA: Use of Restraints and Seclusion as written," Mike Koppel seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

E. Annual Report Requirements: Dan Rossner discussed that the Waterville Valley District Approved Budget report is adequate to publish in the Town of WV's annual report.

F. Primary Voting Days: Patty Furgal reported that Primary Voting Day is presumed 1/23/24 and it will be held at the Rec Center in WV.

Privilege of the Floor #2: None

Consent Items: None

Tim Smith "I MOTION to close the public session." Mike Koppel seconded and closed the School Board meeting at 5:16.

Waterville Valley School Board – May 25, 2023

Nonpublic Minutes

Nonpublic Session: At 5:16 the Nonpublic commenced

Others Present: Lindsay Costello, principal; Pam Martin, Assistant Superintendent

Continuation of Public Meeting:

Tim Smith “I MOTION we accept the eVote on 9/7/23 and formally recognize Olivia Stainbrook, Paraprofessional as discussed.” Mike Koppel seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Future Meetings: 11/30/23 @ 4:00; 1/4/24 @ 4:00

Tim Smith “I MOTION to close the public session.” Mike Furgal seconded. Town Meeting ended at 5:29 PM.

Lori Fernandes, secretary