

Waterville Valley School Board Meeting – November 20, 2025

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

Public Present: Brooke Wakefield, Director of WV Recreation Department

Zoom: Rich Rita, Selectboard member

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM by Mike Furgal. Roll Call Attendance: Mike Koppel, Tim Smith and Mike Furgal present.

Agenda Review and Disposition: None

Minutes of October 23, 2025: Tim Smith “I MOTION to accept the minutes of October 23, 2025.” Mike Koppel seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Privilege of the Floor #1: None

Principal’s Report:

- School Safety Update
 - Fire Drills 4 of 6; All Hazard Drills 3 of 4; Lock Down 9 of 12; Shelter in Place 9 of 10; Off-Site 9 of 22
 - Safety Meetings 9/11, 12/16, 1/15, 4/14
 - Hazmat Situation in Town Square – Shelter in Place Incident 1/31/25
- Veterans Day Ceremony
 - About 10 Veterans attended with Kevin Morse as the guest speaker
 - Students sang, recited poems, played recorders
- Vision and Mission Team: 2 meetings – Google form went out to families and school board members for input and information will be brought to next meeting 12/9
- Robotics/Drones Enrichment: second session starting with a possible competition 1/31/26 at Plymouth Elementary
- Enrollment: K-8 = 35; PRHS = 9
- Upcoming Dates:
 - 11/26: 12:00 Dismissal
 - 11/26: Q&U wedding
 - 11/26: Report cards emailed home
 - 11/27-28: Thanksgiving Recess, no school
 - 12/2: PTO meeting at 5:30
 - 12/3&10: PE Ice Skating
 - 12/4: Parent Teacher Conferences, noon dismissal

- o 12/9: Vision and Mission meeting
- o 12/16: Candy Cottages
- o 12/18: School Board Meeting
- o 12/19: Winter Concert @ 1:45
- o 12/20: Pancake Breakfast
- o 12/23: 12:00 Dismissal

Discussion Items:

1. 2025 Tax Rate

- Waterville Valley is one of two towns in NH that the school tax rate is lower than the town's tax rate

2. CIP Review

- HVAC: WVES has a total of 9 units and 7 need to be replaced. Looking to start project in 2028-2029 with a possible warrant article to fund project.

3. Middle School Trip Approval

- Ten students plus approximately 6 chaperons will be travelling to Lake Placid in the spring (May).
- Lindsay Costello is researching transportation options.
- Cost will be approximately \$400/student, and the PTO will be contributing approximately \$8,000. Students are currently fundraising (selling trees, wreaths, pancake breakfast) to help with cost (total \$17,500-\$18,500).

Mike Koppel "I MOTION we approve the Waterville Valley Middle School overnight trip to Lake Placid." Tim Smith "I second this," and MOTION PASSED.

4. YouTube Channel for Waterville Valley School Board Meetings

- Pam Martin spoke about Pemi Baker TV assisting with the School Board meetings online via YouTube.
- Link to site will be available on WVES website.

Mike Koppel "I MOTION we accept Pemi Baker TV proposal to put Waterville Valley School Board meetings on YouTube for an annual fee of \$300." Tim Smith seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Privilege of the Floor #2: Brook Wakefield spoke about the front desk at the Recreation Department will need to be replaced. School Board acknowledged will look into it.

Correspondence: Pam Martin spoke that the full auditing report has returned, and everything looks good.

Tim Smith "I MOTION to close the School Board meeting." Mike Koppel seconded and closed the School Board meeting at 4:50.

Future Meetings 12/18 @ 4:00

Lori Fernandes, secretary