

Waterville Valley School Board Meeting – November 21, 2024

Public Meeting at WVES

Members Present: Mike Furgal, Mike Koppel, Tim Smith

Administration Present: Lindsay Costello, Principal WVES; Pam Martin, SAU
48 Assistant Superintendent

Public Present: 0

Zoom: 2 others via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM by Mike Furgal. Roll Call Attendance: Tim Smith, Mike Koppel and Mike Furgal present.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Add the Draft of the Budget to Agenda.

Minutes of October 24, 2024: Tim Smith “I MOTION to accept the minutes of October 24, 2024.” Mike Koppel seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Privilege of the Floor #1: none

Principal’s Report:

- School Safety Update
 - Drills: Fire 7 of 10 (8/26, 9/5, 10/10, 10/18, 11/6, 11/7, 11/15), Lock Down (9/18, 10/25), Shelter in Place (9/14, 10/17), Reverse Evacuation (10/11), Off-Site (9/27)
 - Test of the lockdown button 10/18, 10/25
 - Safety Meetings: 9/12, 2/14, 5/5
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Harvest Dinner Success
- K-2 Alphabet Fashion Show
- I-Platform: Updates 2024-2025 data review
- Enrollment: K-8 = 34; PRHS = 10
- Upcoming Dates:
 - 11/5 No School
 - 11/8 Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 11/10 Veterans Day – no School
 - 11/19 Harvest Dinner
 - 11/27 Noon Dismissal
 - 11/28-11/29 Thanksgiving Break

Discussion Items:

- A. **Facilities – CIP review:** Pam Martin shared the upcoming projects, facilities updates and projected costs through the SY 2034-2035.

- B. **8th Grade Trip for Spring 2025:** Lindsay Costello shared the projected costs (\$18,000 without airfare) from two different travel agencies for the spring 2025 trip for the Middle School. The PTO is offering to fund \$10,000 of the trip and there are 13 students currently in 6-8 grade. More fundraising will be taking place over the next few months to help offset the cost per student.
- C. **Data/Records Retention Policy – EHB – 1st Reading:** Pam Martin and the Board reviewed the policy. Mike Koppel “I MOTION that we accept the Waterville Valley School Board EHB – Data/Records Retention policy as drafted. Tim Smith seconded, and the MOTION was PASSED and policy was accepted as drafted.
- D. **Draft of the Budget:** Preliminary draft of the budget was presented by Pam Martin. The Board and Lindsay Costello reviewed the Draft as presented.

Privilege of the Floor #2:

Tracy Boulter spoke and questioned the 2024 – 2025 Updated Data for student achievement in WVES. Lindsay Costello discussed the plans for support through each cluster and grade at the school with teachers, paras, specialist, and Lindsay all having roles to help the students in the areas that were lacking.

Rick Rita, WV Selectboard member, spoke about a joint meeting in January with School Board and 1/16 at 3:00 will be a joint meeting at WVES multipurpose room.

Tracy Boulter also questioned the availability of the Robotics Team to 5th graders. Pam Martin shared that WVES obtained a grant, and drones will be attended to the program. Lindsay Costello shared that Robotics is for Middle Schoolers only.

Consent Items: None

Tim Smith “I MOTION to close the public session.” Mike Koppel seconded and closed the public portion of the School Board meeting at 4:57.

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Non-Public Minutes

Nonpublic Session: At 4:57 the Nonpublic commenced with Mike Furgal, Mike Koppel, and Tim Smith present.

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

Tim Smith “I MOTION to close the non-public session.” Mike Koppel seconded and closed the non-public portion of the School Board meeting at 5:48.

Continuation of Public Meeting:

Tim Smith "I MOTION to accept the non-resident tuition request for a grade 6 student." Mike Koppel seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Future Meetings 1/16 @ 4:00

Joint Meeting 1/16 @ 3:00

Lori Fernandes, secretary