Waterville Valley School Board Meeting – September 25, 2025
Public Meeting at WVES
Members Present: Mike Furgal and Mike Koppel
Administration Present: Lindsay Costello, Principal WVES; Pam Martin, SAU 48 Assistant Superintendent
Public Present: Rich Rita, Selectboard member
Zoom: 1

Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM by Mike Furgal. Roll Call Attendance: Mike Koppel and Mike Furgal present.

Agenda Review and Disposition: None

Minutes of August 14, 2025: Mike Koppel "I MOTION to accept the minutes of August 14, 2025." Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Privilege of the Floor #1: Rich Rita spoke and mentioned there was a joint Selectboard and School Board meeting today which takes place two times per year.

Principal's Report:

- School Safety Update
  - Fire Drills 3 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, 1/15, 4/14
- Great start to the School Year: smiles, growth, communication and collaboration; greeting students and families every morning; wishing well afternoons; K and 8th grade buddies; All school pledge on Constitution Day
- WVES Bike Bus
- Successful Open House
- Vision and Mission Team: 2 teachers and 3 families
- PE Biking Unit has started
- Enrollment: K-8 = 35; PRHS = 9
- Upcoming Dates:
  - 10/2 All School Hike: Lonesome Lake Trail & Artists Bluff
  - 10/7 Fure Prevention Assembly
  - 10/8 Flu Clinic – WVES Students
  - 10/10 No School – Teacher in service @ Rumney Elementary School
  - 10/13 No School – Columbus Day
  - 10/14 All School Squam Lake Science Center Trip

- 10/15 Progress Reports
- 10/21 K-2 Winnipesaukee Playhouse – Winnie the Pooh Performance

Discussion Items:

A. **Use of Location of Automated External Defibrillators Policy – GBGBA – 1st Reading**
   - School Board read and discussed policy with a few recommended changes. Pam Martin will adjust policy and present it at the next meeting

B. **Middle School Overnight Field Trip**
   - Lindsay Costello discussed proposed hike and stay on 10/2 with 3 chaperones for Middle School Students.

   Mike Koppel "I MOTION we accept field trip and overnight at Lonesome Lake Hut as outlined for Middle School Students on 10/2." Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

C. **School Safety Overview and Requirements**
   - Principal Costello reviewed in her report

D. **YouTube Channel for Waterville Valley School Board Meetings**
   - Mike Furgal discussed with the Board, Rich Rita, Principal Costello and Pam Martin the possibility to have the School Board meetings online via YouTube.
   - Research needed and will revisit at next meeting

Privilege of the Floor #2: Parent on Zoom questioned the possibility for Grants for further STEM activities for Middle School Students. Principal Costello reported that currently there is a robotics grant, and the Middle School teacher has a background that will add to STEM activities. Pam Martin writes the grants and to use and receive grants for robotics, school needs to have a team and enter a contest.

Consent Items: None

Mike Koppel "I MOTION to close the public session." Mike Furgal seconded and closed the public portion of the School Board meeting at 4:32.

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Non-Public Minutes
Nonpublic Session: At 4:32 the Nonpublic commenced with Mike Furgal, Mike Koppel present.

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

Mike Koppel “I MOTION to close the non-public session.” Mike Furgal seconded and closed the non-public portion of the School Board meeting at 4:51.

Continuation of Public Meeting:

Mike Koppel “I MOTION to accept Evan Bolognani as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the remainder for the 2025 – 2026 school year.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Mike Koppel “I MOTION to accept Nancy Morse as a Special Education Paraprofessional 2 days per week, at 0.4 FTE.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Mike Koppel “I MOTION we post a Middle School ELA teacher at 0.43 FTE for the remainder of the 2025 – 2026 school year.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Mike Koppel “I MOTION to allow one WVES family as requested to modify tuition payment schedule.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Mike Koppel closed the Public Meeting at 4:54 PM, Mike Furgal seconded.

Future Meetings 10/23 @ 4:00

Lori Fernandes, secretary