

Waterville Valley School Board Meeting – March 28, 2024

Public Meeting at WVES

Members Present: Mike Furgal and Tim Smith

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

Public Present: 1 parent and Brooke Wakefield, Director WV Recreation Department

Zoom: 1-2 others on via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM by Pam Martin.

Board Reorganization: Pam Martin “We need to elect a chair for School Board.”

Tim Smith “I NOMINATE Mike Furgal as chair of the WV School Board.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Mike Furgal commenced the meeting at this point.

Roll Call Attendance: Tim Smith, and Mike Furgal present.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Pam Martin added to Discussion Items a letter from Chief Noyes regarding access to video cameras at the WVES.

School Board Minutes of February 8, 2024:

Tim Smith “I MOTION we accept the minutes of 2/8/24 as drafted.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

Privilege of the Floor #1:

- **Wendy Nelson:** Thanked the School Board and the Administration for a great experience at WVES.

Principal’s Report:

- School Safety: Fire drills, Shelter in place, lockdowns, and public safety meetings have been on going this year.
- Book March Madness: Nationwide event that WVES participated in.
- Solar Eclipse: kids will receive glasses with extras to take home for siblings.
- National Anthem: student has been singing at many events.
- Music/Play: There will be no play, but a coffee house style showcases this year.
- Parent/Teacher conferences: A great participation with 88% participation.

- Classroom happenings: Students made a sled and maple syrup; various projects and other great things. K-5 will begin swimming and 6-8 will focus on Wilderness Safety.

Dates:

- April, is I love to Read Month
- 4/16: A Journey through the 1920s 5:30-7:30
- 4/19: Author Marty Kelley
- 4/22-4/26: Spring Vacation

Discussion Items:

A. School Calendar for 2024-2025

Tim Smith “I MOTION we approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as drafted.” Mike Furgal seconded; MOTION PASSED.

B. Middle School Grade Field Trip

Lindsay Costello discussed the trip to Cape Cod which will be 1 night and 2 days with a portion of the cost covered by a grant because it ties in well with the curriculum.

Tim Smith “I MOTION to approve the Middle School two-day, one night school trip to Cape Cod.” Mike Furgal seconded, and MOTION PASSED.

C. Federal Grant General Assurances FY2025

Pam Martin discussed with the Board, and the Board reviewed.

D. Facilities: Water Filter Update

Pam Martin discussed the WVES upstairs sink had elevated levels based on new stricter, state allowable levels. WVES had the highest level in the SAU. A grant for a new filter and remediation was received and levels were rechecked and now the levels are in a normal range. Filter will need to be replaced every 2 years (\$20/filter).

E. Chief Noyes Letter Addressing Access to Security Cameras

Pam Martin discussed a recent letter the School Board received regarding who has access to the security cameras at WVES>. Chief Noyes and Public Safety will have access to cameras to periodically check if they are working and in any emergency. Other public access will need to be requested.

Privilege of the Floor #2:

None

Consent Items: None

Tim Smith “I MOTION to close the public-School Board Meeting and commence the nonpublic session.” Mike Furgal seconded and the nonpublic commenced at 4:34.

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Non-Public Minutes

Non-Public Session: At 4:35 the Non-Public commenced.

Members Present: Mike Furgal and Tim Smith

Others Present: Lindsay Costello and Pam Martin

Discussion: Teachers and non-teaching staff slates reviewed. Retirement of teacher reviewed. Teacher requesting extra funds for personal development reviewed.

Continuation of Public Meeting @ 4:44

Tim Smith “I MOTION to accept the teachers’ slate as presented.” Mike Furgal seconded.

Tim Smith “I MOTION we accept the support staffs’ slate as presented.” Mike Furgal seconded.

Tim Smith “I MOTION we accept Judy McChesney’s retirement letter as presented.” Mike Furgal seconded.

Tim Smith “I MOTION we accept Celia Fischer as a Special Education Paraprofessional until the end of school year 2023-2024.” Mike Furgal seconded.

Tim Smith “I MOTION we accept the teacher’s request for additional funds for professional development.” Mike Furgal seconded.

Tim Smith “I MOTION we seal the minutes until 4/15/24.” Mike Furgal seconded.

The WV School Board would like to sincerely thank Judy McChesney for her 21 years of service to the Waterville Valley Elementary School!

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM by Tim Smith and Mike Furgal seconded.
Next School Board Meeting April 18, 2024.

Lori Fernandes, secretary

