

**THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL**

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Draft Minutes

Present: Seth Shaw, Josh Gregg, Justin Shipman, Bob Coates, Seth Westbrook, Patricia Kuzmickas, Katy Jacobsen – Teacher Representative, Lisa Sjostrom – Principal, Richard Seaman, WCSU

**I. Call to order:** 6:10 PM

**II. Amendments to the Agenda:**

Amend Agenda to vote on 11B

**Motion to Amend the agenda for tonight's meeting to add an action discussion item \*this being amend the joint district school agreement article 11B**

Moved: Justin Shipman

Seconded: Seth Shaw

**III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** December 5, 2016

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Patricia Kuzmickas

**IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion:** Visitors from Bridgewater Town Offices - Town Clerk Nancy Robinson, Town Treasurer Vicky Young

Nancy raised concern about how the meeting was warned, without enough advance time, and that it listed Article 13 instead of Article 11B

**V. Action/Discussion:**

1. Amend the Joint District School Agreement Article 11B

Amend Article 11B of the Joint School Board Agreement between the town district of Bridgewater and Pomfret to read as following:

(This is to change language that stated that a 2/3 majority was required)

“A participating district, acting through a simple majority vote of its electorate at a duly warned meeting may terminate this agreement. The effective date of termination pursuant to this provision shall be on the June 30th which next occurs not less than twelve months following the date that the district's vote became final. “

Motion to approve:

Moved: Josh Gregg

Seconded: Patricia Kuzmickas

Voice Vote: Article Passes

2. Act 46 Update – Justin Shipman, a member of TPVS board and the Act 46 study committee, updated all present.

\*Draft Final Report Complete - Board members need to review and comment by the 19th of January

\*Timeline:

Jan 10: WCSU - Town Clerks Meeting

Jan 18: Final 706B meeting to take comments from district boards and vote to submit plan to State of VT

Jan 19: Bridgewater and Pomfret boards meet at 7:30 am to vote to advance Act 46 to the voters at Town Meeting

Jan 21-March 6: Community Forums, articles, voter education

Feb 6: Final Article and reports to Agency of Education

Feb 10: Deadline to mail articles to State Board of Education

Feb 21: State Board of Education review, and Authorization of Articles of Agreement and final report

Within 10 days of March 7th: Requirement for informational meetings about Act 46

March 7th: Town Meeting to vote upon:

1. Articles of Agreement
2. 2 candidates for new unified board
3. High School budget

\* All three to be voted by Australian ballot

Bob Coates question for Richard - Can the information regarding Plymouth be pulled in out of the appendix because of how it affects Pomfret's Homestead tax rate - can that information be included in the main body of the report

Richard - thought this was possible, would confirm with Peter and Bob

### 3. FY18 Budget Approval

Budget Items discussed, some additions and clarifications needed. Vote to approve budget scheduled for Jan 24th, 7:30am. Bridgewater Clerk expressed concerns regarding budget items, and requested a meeting with Richard Seaman to clarify.

Lisa Sjostrom noted a need for an individual Para educator next year

Lisa Sjostrom noted that custodial costs may increase slightly

Seth Shaw noted that a place holder may need to be included for plowing budget, until resolved between the towns of Bridgewater and Pomfret.

### 4. Policy Warning/ First Reading:

- a. CODE A1- Conflict of Interest
- b. CODE B6 - HIPAA
- c. CODE B7 - Tobacco Prohibition
- d. CODE C1 - Education Records

The board reviewed the policy warnings and had no comments

## **VI. Reports**

1. Operations Report – N/A
2. Food Service Report - N/A
3. Principal's Report – Lisa working with Abbey Group on menu, minor food service items. Kitchen floor bubbling will be replaced under warranty during the summer of 17 at no cost. Shared information from Montshire Museum regarding Mission Statement formation
4. Staff Report - No issues to report from the teachers.
5. Board Report- N/A

**VII. Agenda Setting for February Meeting** – Add agenda item for discussion of mission statement, logo and school branding identity. Agenda will be as described in the universal template that we are currently using. Agenda can be updated until one week before the February board meeting. Email agenda items to Rayna Bishop at the WCSU - rbishop@wcsu.net.

## **VIII. Adjournment** – 8:25 PM

Motion to adjourn: Josh Gregg  
Seconded: Patricia Kuzmickas

Next meetings:

TPVS regular Meeting– Monday, February 6, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library  
TPVS meeting to vote on forwarding Act 46 articles to voters: Thursday, January 19th, 7:30AM  
TPVS budget approval: Tuesday, January 24, 7:30AM  
WCSU – Monday, January 9, 2016 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room