



**THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, June 4, 2015 @ 6:00 PM
WCSU Conference Room**

Present: Seth Shaw, Greg Greene, Justin Shipman, Jody Eaton, Bob Coates, Jennifer Gieseke, Alice Worth – Superintendent of Schools, Richard Seaman – Director of Finance and Human Resource, Raphael Adamek – Director of Instructional Technology, Lisa Sjostrom – The Prosper Valley School Principal

I. Call to order: 6:07 PM

II. Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2015 and June 1, 2015

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Bob Coates

III. Action/Discussion:

FY15 budget surplus – TPS and BVS

Richard Seaman reviewed the consolidated budget of \$1,515, 581 and said that we are on budget with all expenses. There are reserve funds in both schools as well as surpluses. Alice recommended to leave the reserve funds in place and to not appropriate them forward. The board would need to get voter approval to move the reserve funds, if the board chooses to do so. The kitchen proposals/bids from contractors are due the 15th of June instead of the 8th.

Name of the school

The Joint District Board chose a name for our school last week, there were 47 unique entries for the name, and it was a tough choice with so many great options to pick from. In the end, the board felt that a name that had significance to both towns, our area's history, and the values that make Vermont so special was the right name. We are pleased to announce the school will be known as The Prosper Valley School.

Motion to name the Joint District School The Prosper Valley School

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Justin Shipman



Kitchen Update

The board extended the proposal to submit bids by one week. There will be a walk-through on Friday, June 5th with two representatives along with a plumbing and heating subcontractor. Richard has written the RFP and spoke about the bidders.

Technology Plan

Raphael inventoried the technology that is available in both schools, TPS & BVS. With that info, he looked at a variety of models and needs. A number of needs emerged. TPS has not purchased any technology this year. Most of the computers are 4 years old or older but are still in good condition.

Technology priorities for The Prosper Valley School will be as follows:

1. Add devices to the classrooms so that students have the opportunity to have technology meaningfully integrated into the curriculum.
2. Provide teachers with computers to accomplish their daily tasks, and help promote the use of technology in their classrooms.
3. Provide early elementary students with developmentally appropriate technology (such as iPads) that will allow them to create content through a variety of different mediums.
4. Provide students with a studio/maker space that will allow them to pursue deeper technology-rich projects (e.g., making videos with green screens, video editing, digital music creation, graphic design, 3D design using SketchUp, 3D printing, etc.)

Motion to approve Phase 1: Use FY2015 funds to purchase teacher computers and iPads as presented

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Justin Shipman

Lisa Sjostrom will be coming here next Monday to have twenty minute conversations/conferences with each Prosper Valley School teacher.

The Prosper Valley Afterschool will begin when our school doors open back up this August. The afterschool program will run until 5:30pm on school days. This program is designed for students in Kindergarten through sixth grade and has three main components: recreation (snack, recess), academic (homework), and enrichment (theater, arts, music, math and science exploration, horticulture, etc). Our enrichment activities are intended to be dynamic, engaging and interactive.

IV. Executive Session to discuss personnel: 8:05-8:20 PM



V. Adjournment at 8:40 PM

Next meetings:

TPVS – Tuesday, June 16 , 2015 at 6:00 PM at WCSU Conference Room
Pomfret School Board – Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM at TPS library