



THE PROSPER VALLEY SCHOOL

Board of Directors Meeting, Draft
Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Seth Shaw, Jody Eaton, Josh Gregg, Patti Kuzmickas, Barb Leonard – Teacher Representative,
Lisa Sjostrom – Principal, Richard Seaman – WCSU, Director of Finance

I. Call to order: 6:08 PM

Seth Shaw opened the meeting reading a poem by Mark Strand called Man and Camel.

II. Amendments to the Agenda:

Motion to amend the agenda to add Substitute Caller Stipend

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Patti Kuzmickas

III. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 19, 2017

Moved: Seth Shaw

Seconded: Patti Kuzmickas

IV. Community Engagement/Public Opinion: no visitors

V. Action/Discussion:

Staff Appointment –

Motion to approve 2017-2018 Prosper Valley Staff Appointment List

Moved: Seth Shaw

Seconded: Jody Eaton

Sharing of Approved FY18 School Calendar –

Seth Shaw shared the approved calendar with the board.

Policy Adoptions –

Motion to adopt CODE A1 – Conflict of Interest

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Patti Kuzmickas

Motion to adapt CODE B6 – HIPPA

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Josh Gregg

Motion to adopt CODE B7 – Tobacco Prohibition

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Jody Eaton

Motion to adopt CODE C1 – Education Records

Moved: Seth Westbrook

Seconded: Patti Kuzmickas

Substitute Caller Stipend

Motion to approve the Substitute Caller Stipend for fiscal year 2017 for \$1500

Moved: Seth Shaw

Seconded: Seth Westbook

VI. Reports

1. Operations Report – There is an ongoing investigation on how to replace the gym lighting with the least expensive solution that is achievable in a short time frame, in order to cut cost on electricity.

2. Food Service Report – Krista Prescott was hired by The Abbey Group to assist Chef Randall in TPVS kitchen for up to 8 hours per week at no cost to TPVS. The CAT committee will have its first meeting on March 14th.

3. Principal's Report –

Richard Seaman explained in detail some aspects of TPVS budget. He also spoke about health insurance for next year. Currently TPVS teachers have health insurance through the exchange. Richard is not positive yet but he may recommend that TPVS move health insurance back over to VEHI, in January of 2018.

Lisa Sjostrom spoke about The Prosper Valley School Players, our after school drama club, led by Katie Jacobson. There are 20 children signed up, mostly in the younger grades. There will be a late bus that will run from TPVS to Bridgewater Village School at 4:45 pm to drop children off for parent pick up.

Lisa has established and met with the teacher hire interview committees. The committees will meet with two candidates per class the week after next on Tuesday and Thursday for the second grade teacher hire and the following week for the kindergarten teacher hire, on Tuesday and Thursday. Lisa plans to make the hires by the end of March. The kindergarten committee includes Catherine Malo, Lisa Sjostrom, Fritz Weiss, Katie Jacobsen, and Mercy Grinold. The second grade committee includes Katie Jacobson, Mercy Grinold, Fritz Weiss, and Lisa Sjostrom.

4. Staff Report -

Barb Leonard spoke about The Steam Roller unit that she and Lisa Kaija have been working on, as part of the Montshire School Partnership Initiative. Lisa and Barb were surprised when they realized that in order to do this unit, they would have to do a bit of fundraising and create a small film to market their idea. Lisa has begun the movie making process. Lisa Shostrom will contact Greg DeFrancis, head of the Montshire Education Department, to ask about the funding on this particular project.

5. Board Report- Jody has researched the Community Credit Union account and has come to the conclusion that no action needs to be taken. Thank you to Justin Shipman, for his time working on the Act 46 Study Committee, over 140 hours logged! The board spoke about the Act 46 community forums in Bridgewater and Pomfret.

VII. Agenda Setting for April Meeting - District Reorganization Meeting – meetings at 6:30 for individual boards (TPS and BVS) and then reorganize TPVS in it's own meeting. Use standard agenda.

VIII. Executive Session to discuss Principal Search – 8:07-8:13 pm

IX. Adjournment – 8:15 pm

Next meetings:

TPVS – Monday, April 3, 2017 @ 6:30 PM – TPVS Library

WCSU – Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 6:00 PM – WCSU Conference Room