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**Addison Northwest School District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 31, 2016
6:00 PM
VUHS Library**

Board Reps: Addison George Lawrence, Laurie Childers
Ferrisburgh: Laurie Gutowski, George Gardner, Finn Yarbrough, Kristina
MacKulin
Panton: Diana Raphael
Vergennes: Sue Rakowski, John Stroup, Chris Cousineau, Mark Koenig
Waltham: Tom Borchert (6:15)

Administration: JoAn Canning, Superintendent

Guests: Joe Blanchett, Negotiations Consultant

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Childers. She asked for any changes or amendments to the agenda.

Public Comment:

G. Gardner stated he belongs to several organizations and they begin their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance and feels this group should start with it as well. The Board will think about this and bring it up at the next meeting.

Executive Session:

Chair Childers stated this item is for the purpose of Negotiations Strategy Discussion and asked if everyone is in agreement that this is a legitimate reason to go into Executive Session and if there were any questions or concerns about this action. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Negotiations Strategy discussions to include all board members, Superintendent Canning, her assistant, Glory Martin and consultant Joe Blanchett. **Motion** was made by S. Rakowski, seconded by F. Yarbrough. No discussion. So voted and motion carried. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:32 p.m. with no action taken from the Executive Session.

Board and Committee Reports:

Superintendent's Report – stands as presented.

Community Engagement Committee – Committee met last week. They have set a regular meeting time to the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at VUHS. The Committee is planning on soliciting parents of their hopes and dreams for their children during the Open Houses at each school. Teachers have been asked to join the committee. The question for non-parent taxpayers would be “What role does your school play in your community?”

Policy Committee – Meeting scheduled for September 8 with discussions on members of the subcommittee and Section E of the Policy Manual (Financials).

Negotiations Committee – Continuing to meet and a request to ANTA has been sent to hold the first joint meeting on September 19. Support Staff negotiations are also to start, but Superintendent Canning is going to meet with the Association and ask to hold their negotiations until after the teachers negotiations have started.

Board Education:

Charter School Video – this was put on hold until a later date.

D. Raphael and M. Koenig shared an Accountability sheet for students showing the then (No Child Left Behind Act) to now (Every Student Succeeds Act).

Superintendent Canning distributed a list of suggestive topics for future Board Education agenda items. (Including Technology for the Future; Common Core; Proficiency Based Learning; Performance Based Graduation Requirements; Personalized Learning; Special Education; Multi-tiered System of Support; Site Councils – different models; school choice parameters within new school district)

Superintendent Evaluation:

Chair Childers updated the Board of the process. She reported the ANWSU Board is interested in making the process better. She proposed to allow the ANWSU Board to create the process and evaluation tool and invite them to share what they come up with. Superintendent Canning was asked to share her goals with this Board at the September meeting.

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by G. Gardner, seconded by F. Yarbrough, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2016. So voted and motion carried.

Approval of Vision Statement – Motion was made by J. Stroup, seconded by M. Koenig, to accept the draft statement as presented. Discussion ensued with recommendations to include a date and to leave it as a draft until other input is received from the community. J. Stroup made a motion with an amendment to change the title to “Guidelines for the Board During the Transition Year,” seconded by T. Borchert. So voted and amendment was approved. Call to vote on original motion to adopt the guidelines as presented, resulted with four yes and seven nays.

Approval of Board Work Plan – No approval is needed for the plan. It is a considered a working draft. Suggestion to change the February meeting to the 27th from the 15th and starting an hour before the Annual Meeting. Discussion on the rotation of location of meetings for the second half of the year. Suggestion to have a budget building training **at** as the September Board Education item.

Approval of Meeting Protocol and Code of Ethics – Motion was made by F. Yarbrough, seconded by S. Rakowski, to approve the protocol as presented. Clarifications were asked about #7 with audience protocol (refers to statement on the bottom of each agenda describing Policy C3) and #3 with the meaning of “surprises to the board or superintendent.” Superintendent Canning stated it is important that the meetings run efficiently and asked for board members to come prepared by reading materials prior to the meeting. F. Yarbrough asked for materials to be sent out at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and all in one document. K. MacKulin asked for the Board to start receiving all of the Principals’ Incidental reports to know what’s going on each school. So voted and motion carried to approve the protocol as presented.

Motion was made by F. Yarbrough, seconded by L. Gutowski, to approve the Code of Ethics as presented. Discussion ensued. A copy of the Code of Ethics was not included in the packet. Superintendent Canning will distribute at the next meeting for signatures from board members. F. Yarbrough withdrew his motion; L. Gutowski accepted.

Discussion Items:

Bills and Directors' Orders – Superintendent Canning advised that this Board does not have a budget at this time, therefore, no orders to be reviewed or approved.

Next Meeting Agenda Items – Chair Childers asked for any suggestions to be emailed to her.

- Policy Subcommittee will have a first reading of policies
- Possible Executive Session between the Communications and Negotiations Subcommittees about strategies

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 6:00 p.m. at Addison Central School

Adjournment:

Motion was made by J. Stroup, seconded by S. Rakowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. So voted and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

GLORY MARTIN
Recording Secretary