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**Addison Northwest School District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
6:00 PM
Vergennes Union High School – Library**

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

Administration: JoAn Canning, Superintendent

Guests: Stephanie Taylor, Jay Stetzel, Matt DeBlois, Elizabeth Armstrong, Martha Kenfield, Susan Holson, Nancy Ambrose, Lynne Rapoport

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Childers. Chair Childers asked to amend the agenda to add a half of an hour for discussion purposes. She read a thank you note from the students who presented the Youth Risk Behavior Survey on January 18.

Public Comment:

E. Armstrong asked what steps the Board was going to take now after the Governor’s speech on education. She stated cuts need to be made and to follow his instructions.

Board Education:

Lynn Coale, Director of Hannaford Career Center – announced he will be resigning from his position in June and the HCC Board is looking into the process of filling the position. He presented and reviewed the PAHCC FY 18 budget (documents are attached). There will be an Open House in February (14?) and invites anyone who has never toured the facility to come. He reminded the Board that the member-at-large on the PAHCC board is up for election and will need to be a part of the Annual Meeting. Mike McGrath is the current member and is interested in continuing.

Norms and Ground Rules – D. Raphael shared the compiled results received from the board members. Discussion to finalize the ground rules and have them included with the Guidelines on the back of each agenda.

Board and Committee Reports:

Superintendent Report – stands as presented.

- Superintendent Canning introduced Susan Holson, Communications Specialist, who will help with creating talking points about the budget for the Board and also a brochure to be sent to the community.
- Superintendent Canning reported on the status of the food service collaborative with Addison Northeast. A meeting with the entire food service team is scheduled on February 3 with Kathy Alexander. Current staff is very excited about the change.
- The Unification Dance was a good success. Parent groups are looking into other options for the future.
- Discussion about tax rates.
- S. Rakowski thanked the Superintendent for including the Education Bills in the Incidental Report, found very helpful.

Principals' Reports – stands as presented.

Student Report – stands as presented.

- National Honor Society was applauded for raising money for the refugees
- Discussion was made on including elementary students on reports and the purpose of having the high school students as representatives on the Board.

Communication Engagement Committee – meeting was canceled the day before due to the weather.

- On January 31st the Committee will be gathering input from the senior citizens at the Armory *Lane housing unit* on the vision.
- The survey is expected to go out to the entire student and parent population.
- C. Cousineau is planning an event for vision discussion on February 11.

Policy Committee – met on January 4 on Section C and a few others

- Next meeting is February 6 on Section D or to be determined.

Negotiations Committee – next scheduled meetings are January 26, February 13, March 13 and March 30. All at 6:00 p.m. in the VUHS Library.

Chair Childers asked to move the Discussion Items to before Action Items.

Discussion Items:

Annual Meeting Expectations/Compensation – add Hannaford Career Center member-at-large to the warning.

- Add article for surplus/capital improvement fund
- Discussion on compensation for treasurer, clerk and board members

Food Service Transition – discussed under Superintendent’s Report.

Review of Annual Report – S. Rakowski, G. Gardner and C. Cousineau had reviewed the draft report and gave feedback and direction. Overall, they felt it is one the better reports to have been published. E. Armstrong asked for salaries, years of experience and classes taught for each teacher to be listed in the report. L. Gutowski expressed concerns of not having the reports mailed out to the community. The report will be available online on the website; copies will be available to pick-up at the ANWSU Office and at the Town Clerk’s offices.

Next Meeting Agenda Items – meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Annual Meeting on February 27 in the VUHS Library

- Energy Performance Contract
- Policies
- Committee Reports

Chair Childers congratulated the students in the New England Young Writers.

Action Items:

Set Capacity Limit for School Choice – the recommendation from the administration is to allow ten students in and ten students out. **Motion** was made by J. Stroup, seconded by C. Cousineau, to accept the recommendation of ten in and ten out. Discussion ensued. So voted and motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** was made by G. Gardner, seconded by C. Cousineau, to approve the minutes of the meeting for December 28, 2016, January 11, 2017 and January 18, 2017. Discussion ensued. Correction to January 11, page 2, tax rate for Ferrisburgh should be .121. Correction to December 28, heading has wrong date. Correction to December 28, page 3, Community Engagement Committee will hold a focus group at the elderly luncheon. So voted and motion carried with the above amendments.

Policy Adoption – J. Stroup stated these policies were written at the level of the Vermont School Boards Association, which are vetted by an attorney.

Motion was made by G. Gardner, seconded by C. Cousineau, to adopt the policies as presented. Discussion ensued. Questions on language on C2 and C2R. G. Gardner amended is motion to withdraw policy C2 and C2R from the adoption at this time. C. Cousineau seconded the amendment. So voted and motion carried. The call of vote on the original motion to adopt the policies listed, with the amendment, was called. So voted and motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, February 27, 2017	5:00 PM	ANWSD Board Mtg.	VUHS Library
	6:00 PM	ANWSD Annual Mtg.	VUHS Library

Adjournment:

Motion was made by G. Gardner, seconded by K. MacKulin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.
So voted and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glory Martin

Recording Secretary