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**Addison Northwest School District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
6:00 PM
Addison Central School - Gymnasium**

Board Reps: Addison Laurie Childers, George Lawrence (6:11)
Ferrisburgh: Laurie Gutowski, George Gardner, Finn Yarbrough (6:26), Kristina MacKulin
Panton: Diana Raphael
Vergennes: Sue Rakowski, John Stroup, Chris Cousineau, Mark Koenig
Waltham: Tom Borchert (6:56)

Administration: JoAn Canning, Superintendent
Tonia Mears, Business Manager
Travis Park, ACS Principal

Guests: Joe Blanchett, Negotiations Consultant; Martha Kenfield

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Childers. She asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. G. Gardner asked to add item 6b. Pledge of Allegiance to Action Items.

Introductions of the Board were made.

Public Comment:

None this evening.

Board Education:

Presentation by T. Park, ACS Principal – Principal Park gave a presentation of the values and goals of ACS and shared information about the school and community.

Budget Guidance Presentation – Superintendent Canning reviewed the Budget Development Process with a timeline. She then reviewed the Budget Guidance which covered the following:

- Budget Parameters
- Administrators responsibilities
- School Board responsibilities
- What guidance does the School Board want to provide administration
- Questions and Next Steps

Discussion ensued.

Board and Committee Reports:

Superintendent Report – stands as presented. Chair Childers stated the importance of having a copy of the Superintendent's goals. S. Rakowski asked to include the position title of any staff member that may be in a report. Clarifying questions were asked about the Superintendent's goals. A plan to revise job descriptions, by groups, will start in 2017-18.

Principals' Reports – stands as presented from each school. Found to be very helpful. Top of each report needs to include name of school, principal's name and date.

Board Committees –

Community Engagement Committee – Committee met on September 25. Kaci Spear, Scott Grant and Judy Elson have joined as teacher representatives. Megan Tarte and Katherine Wyckoff will be student representatives. Committee members attended each of the school's open houses with chart stands looking for feedback. The feedback will be reviewed at their next meeting. The Committee is planning on attending some upcoming faculty meetings and seeking feedback from high school students. Discussion ensued of the charge of the Committee.

Policy Committee – Committee met on September 8. They are working on the transition of ANWSU policies to model the VSBA policy structure. Recently reviewed was Section E – Budgetary Policies. The process of warning and reviewing policies will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Negotiations Committee – Committee met on September 19 along with the Teachers' Association. The next planned meeting is on October 13 from 6-8 p.m. in the VUHS Library with hopes of exchanging proposals at this time. Other dates set to meet are on October 25 and November 7~~3~~.

Chair Childers reminded the committees to get their meeting notices, agendas and minutes to Glory in a timely manner for posting.

Executive Session:

Motion as made by S. Rakowski, seconded by G. Gardner, to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations, the premature disclosure of which to the general public would put the board at a substantial disadvantage. Inviting the Superintendent, J. Blanchett and G. Martin to attend. Chair Childers asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, the Board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Due to technical issues preparing for the executive session, the Board returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

Action Items:

Approve of Minutes – Motion was made by G. Gardner, seconded by M. Koenig, to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2016 meeting. K. MacKulin stated a typographical error on page 3, under Approval of Board Work Plan, last sentence “**at** the September board meeting.” So voted and motion carried with the correction.

Pledge of Allegiance – Motion was made by G. Gardner, seconded by M. Koenig, to engage in the practice of saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each meeting. Discussion ensued. So voted, two yes, nine no. Motion failed.

Executive Session:

Motion as made by G. Gardner, seconded by F. Yarbrough, to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations, the premature disclosure of which to the general public would put the board at a substantial disadvantage. Inviting the Superintendent, J. Blanchett and G. Martin to attend. Chair Childers asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, the Board went into executive session at 7:56 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m. with no action taken from the executive session.

Discussion Items:

Next Meeting Agenda – Review of revised policies

Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2016 6PM at Ferrisburgh Central School

Adjournment:

Motion was made by G. Gardner, seconded by S. Rakowski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. So voted and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

GLORY MARTIN
Recording Secretary