

Harwood Union Board of Directors Meeting
19 February 2014
Harwood Library
6:00 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Board: Deb Hunter, Chair; Chris Koliba, Vice Chair; (6:38 pm) Dale Smeltzer; Stephen Sands; Dan Raddock; David Goodman (6:15 pm)

Administration: Brigid Scheffert, Superintendent; Amy Rex, Co-principal; Lisa Atwood, Co-principal

Staff: Ray Daigle, Director of Facilities

Student Government: Ethan Carr and Augy Stephens

Public: Rose Marie White, Warren; Cathy Stapinski, MRV-TV; Lara Seaberg, minute taker

Call to order: Chair Deb Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Dale Smeltzer made a motion to approve the minutes of the 22 January 2014 meeting as written. Stephen Sands seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Finance Committee: Stephen Sands shared with the Board that the Finance committee had discussed early retirements, the need for a bond for the water system project and the school cafeteria.

Policy Committee: Dale Smeltzer shared that the Policy committee had had a student presentation at its last meeting about grading. She informed the Board that the Policy committee will meet in March to discuss its role and purpose and that she had not received any comments about Policy packet # 4 from any Board members not on the Policy committee.

Unfinished Business: Deb Hunter asked who from the Board would be at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, 22 February. Lisa Atwood informed the Board that Dave Jones would be the moderator for the Annual Meeting, Sarah Stavraký would be treasurer and Lara Seaberg would be clerk. She also asked how many hard copies of the Annual Report the Board wanted to have available at the meeting. Stephen Sands asked if there could be a one page information sheet about the water system available as well. Lisa Atwood informed the Board the school usually provides refreshments at the ballot counting on Town Meeting Day and asked if the Board was in agreement with doing so and it was.

Washington West Executive Committee: Brigid Scheffert shared that at the last Executive committee meeting they had were given a presentation by Kaiya Korb about foreign language programs. Middlebury College had a program that is about \$6,000 per school per year. The committee is interested in how to develop an SU model. She informed the Board that the committee had also discussed the class size report and her report that there were two alternative plans for the Granville/Hancock redistricting neither of which involved WWSU. She also shared that there is a 31 March 2014 full Board meeting for electing Board officers, reorganization and there will be a panel presentation on the two middle schools with a Q&A session.

Superintendent's Report: Brigid Scheffert passed out copies of policies F 13-L-HU and F 14-L-HU. Policy F 13-L-HU pertains to WWSU resident student residency criteria whereas policy F 14-L-HU pertains to non-resident student tuition. The Board was in agreement with each policy as written.

Student Government: Deb Hunter asked Ethan Carr and Augy Stephens if there was anything that they might like to bring up to the Board. Ethan Carr shared with the Board when the Student Government meets and that they usually have one fundraiser per year. This year they are considering splitting the funds of a possible fundraiser between a charitable service and the school.

Discussion topic: Lisa Atwood shared a letter from a German exchange student and Deb Hunter read it aloud. Brigid Scheffert discussed an extended maternity leave for a member of the Harwood staff for the next school year. David Goodman made a motion to extend the unpaid maternity leave, as recommended by the administration, through the Thanksgiving break. Stephen Sands seconded the motion. It passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Confirmation of topics for 19 March 2014 meeting: Topics for confirmation were the Board reorganization and a NECAP data review presentation by Shelia Soule.

Deb Hunter recognized Chris Koliba's 6 years of service on the Harwood Board. Chris Koliba reminded the Board members that the work they do is important and that they should not forget the students who need the most support.

Dale Smeltzer moved to confirm Board Warrants 54 and 58. Stephen Sands seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Board Warrants

FY 2013-2014

54	02/6/14	Accounts Payable	\$ 159,947.12
58	02/19/14	Accounts Payable	\$ 277,507.42
Total Board Warrants			\$ 437,454.54

Chris Koliba moved to adjourn and Stephen Sands seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

The next full Board meeting is 19 March 2014 at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
lara seaberg
Minute taker