

ERVING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, February 8, 2021 Remote Meeting - Google Hangouts Meet

6:00 p.m.

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***THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED

FINAL Minutes

Present: Erik Semb; Chair, Jennifer Eichorn, David Chagnon, Brain Guerin; members, Jennifer Culkeen; Superintendent, Lisa Candito; Principal, Brittanie Mimitz; minute taker, Bruce Turner; Director of finance and operations, Mackenzie Bailey, Elizabeth DeSorgher, Mary Glabach, Jill Kolodziej, Rinky Black, Gail Dubriel, Steve Kaczmarczyk, Tracy Saharceski; EES staff members.

A. Call Meeting to Order- The meeting was called to order by Erik at 6:07p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge was recited by all.

C. Public Hearings- The question came up to Erik. "Why can't the attendees be on the video call?" The IT team recommends that only the members hosting the meeting should be on video call. All others should call in due to video problems.

D. Approval of Minutes from

· **January 19, 2021*** A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by David to approve the minutes from January 19, 2021. AIF.

E. Warrants –

#1116 2/4 \$104,376.23

#1109 1/25 \$569,806.68

#1110 2/8 \$5,321.46

#1030 1/25 \$2,925.03

#1031 1/25 \$54,224.18

#1032 2/8 \$2,616.36

#1033 2/8 \$5,273.11

F. Report of the Gill-Montague Representative- None available.

G. Collaborative for Educational Services Report- Next meeting is March 31, 2021.

H. Regionalization Update- Educational Subcommittee meeting and a meeting with the entire committee. They presented their slideshow to some teachers from Pioneer and Gill-Montague to summarize the plan they came up with. A discussion also came up over possibly becoming an even larger district, with even more than 6 towns. The idea has been rolled out to teachers. The next step is bringing it to the towns. The next meeting is February 16, 2021.

I. Capital Planning Committee Update- Lisa met with Brian Smith and Mariah on Friday. Erik and Gary were able to finish up all the measurements for the carpet installation. The hope is to continue with Phase 2 and 3 of the carpet project this summer if COVID permits. Brian Smith is going to put together a proposal to present to the school committee hopefully in March. There will need to be a vote to move forward with all phases. They are working on a weatherization project to cut heating costs. The project is looking like it is going to be labor intensive. The plan was to complete the project on April Vacation but 4 days may not be enough time. Lisa is going to propose that it begin the teachers last day of school in June.

J. Superintendent's Report- Shutesbury Elementary is returning pre-k-2 and 5-6. Grades 5-6 have already gone back. Grades 3-4 will join hybrid on February 22, 2021. Swift River will be starting the alternating cohorts on March 1st and March 8th. Leverett Elementary has returned grades k-4 as of this week. The District has been awarded an SR2 Grant. All districts in the commonwealth will receive \$75,000 and an additional \$10,000 for social-emotional learning. Still awaiting the vaccine roll-out and updates from DESE. They are looking at student learning time again. There was a webinar today. They will be looking at both the remote model as well as the overall year which is 850 hours. They will be looking at data from last week and this week. It will

be submitted to the department before vacation. The department did pass the initial survey for time on learning as of January 19th. They will collect more data and compare to the regulations. The state is looking into relaxing accountability requirements. That doesn't include the assessment part but relaxing accountability around it. They must apply to the US Dept. of Education at the state level and work on state requirements. Jenn stated that Pool testing is not feasible at this time; both from a financial and staffing standpoint. Gail has too much on her plate as it is. Pool Testing would require more staff members to run the program.

K. Director of Finance and Operations Report- Erving received \$98,962 in SR2 money. At least \$10,000 must be used for social/emotional learning. Erving also received \$8,550 from the State CoronaVirus Prevention Fund Program.

- **Solar Proposal – Discussion** Will be put on the next agenda. Bruce will have a Solar Proposal ready for the next meeting.

- **FY22 Draft Budget – Thoughts and Preparation for Bos/FinCom meeting – Preliminary Adoption of Budget - Vote** No changes in the Elementary budget. 2.2% budget proposal; which includes a \$57,000 tuition for an out of school special needs child.

The bill from Gill-Montague for Erving students came in. The student population has shifted. There will be three more children receiving services amounting to a \$120,000 increase in payments this year and next year. However there was a reduction in student population saving \$60,000. This brings the ask from the town to \$91,000 or a 6.7% increase.

L. Principal's Report- There is a retirement at EES. Jean Galbrith will be retiring this Thursday. She will be missed. Lisa and Lora will be meeting with 3 applicants tomorrow to find her replacement. Lisa asked that EES remain remote for 2 full weeks after February vacation in order to keep students and staff safe. The 2 remote weeks after winter vacation kept COVID out of the school. It would be Feb. 22rd-March 5th and return March 8th.

★ A motion was made by Erik and seconded by Jenn to go fully remote from February 22, 2021- March 5, 2021 and to return to hybrid on Monday March 8, 2021. AIF

M. Budget and Personnel Committee Report-

- Next Meeting Date – TBD

N. Union #28 Committee Report-

- Next Meeting Date – **Monday, March 15, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

O. Old Business-

- **2020/2021 Reopening** – Full Day Discussion will begin next meeting.

P. New Business-

- **EEA Unit B – Settlement Agreement – Discussion and Vote** A vote will be made at a special meeting 48 hours after the committee receives the signed documents.

- **1% Virtual School Issue – Discussion and Possible Vote** A motion was made by David and seconded by Jenn to restrict any further students from enrolling in virtual school. AIF.

- **Sabbatical Review Board – Discussion and Vote** A motion was made by David to appoint Jenn and Erik to the Sabbatical Review Board. AIF.

- **PTO Report-** The PTO is currently working on a fundraiser that will take place in the spring. They have also begun planning for teacher appreciation week. Next meeting will be Monday March 8, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

Q. Policy Review and Update- Moved to next agenda.

First Reading on:

- o BHC – School Committee – Staff Communications*
- o BHE – Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members*
- o BIA – New School Committee Member Orientation*

Second Reading, First Vote on:

- o BEE – Special Procedures for Conducting Hearings*
- o BG – School Committee Policy Development*
- o BGB – Policy Adoption*
- o BGC – Policy Revision and Review*
- o BGD – School Committee Review of Procedures*
- o BGE – Policy Dissemination*
- o BGF – Suspension and Repeal of Policies*

Final Vote on:

- o IHBEA – English Learner Education*
- o BEDB – Agenda Format*
- o BEDF – Voting Method*
- o BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings*

R. Future Business-

Next School Committee Meeting: **Monday, March 16, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.** · Erving
Policy Committee – **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**

S. Adjournment- A motion was made by Jenn and seconded by David to adjourn the meeting at
7:01 p.m. AIF.

* **Enclosures**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittanie Mimitz

Minute Taker