

BARKHAMSTED BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING – January 7, 2019

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Prelli-Hester, T. Brodnitzki, D. Beaudoin, R. Brainard, D. Farr, K. Mann, C. Shaw

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: J. Agostine, Superintendent
K. Plocki, Principal
E. Sacharko, Curriculum Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Kreske, Teacher
M. Lavieri-Hislop, Teacher
A. Neary, Teacher
P. Dest, School Psychologist
M. Viens, School Social Worker

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chair, J. Prelli-Hester.

2019-001 **MOTION** by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by D. Farr “to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Dec. 3, 2018, as presented.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

C. Shaw, R. Brainard and J. Agostine explained the process they went through to decide which bid to go with and why for the oil tank removal and replacement project, referencing the letter of the summary of the committee’s activities during the process.

2019-002 **MOTION** by C. Shaw, **seconded** by K. Mann, “to approve and accept the bid received from Lenard Engineering for Engineering Services for the Oil Tank removal and Replacement Project at the Barkhamsted Elementary School”. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2019-003 **MOTION** by R. Brainard, **seconded** by K. Mann, “to approve the proposed Educational Specifications for the Barkhamsted Elementary School Underground Oil Tank Removal and Replacement Project”. A discussion ensued with the following result.

MOTION by R. Brainard, **seconded** by D. Farr, “to amend the original motion to include the changes in the language of the Educational Specifications under Long Range Plans – 2. Add the words “and associated piping” after tank”. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

J. Agostine and the BOE members reviewed and discussed the BOE Self-Evaluation results.

J. Agostine distributed a CAFE Liaison Newsletter to all BOE members, as requested by CAFE.

K. Plocki presented the results of the Staff survey that was completed recently regarding the school climate from the perspective of Staff members who chose to complete the survey.

A brief discussion of the current school calendar took place as K. Plocki and E. Sacharko requested an additional conference day for Parent-Teacher Conferences in March.

2019-004 **MOTION** by K. Mann, **seconded** by C. Shaw, “to add a third conference day on Tuesday, March 12th and to move the half-day PD from the 15th of March to the following Friday, March 22nd”. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

K. Plocki reviewed her Principal’s report with the BOE which included the following updates: PDEC meeting, RULER PD on 12/19, Grade 3 Science curriculum development, Fractions PD Grades 3-6, Regional CPI training, and Regional Math Meeting; Instructional rounds to be held on Jan. 24th, Feb. 26th and March 19th; NAEP Participation for Grade 4 Math and Reading on January 31st; Student Council activities (food drive and Pajama Day that collected \$350); and the PTO Winter Wonderland and funding that provided new furniture for our lobby area.

M. Viens, School Social Worker, and Paula Dest, School Psychologist spoke about the Student Support Center and how it is used to help the students.

J. Agostine reviewed Bills Paid and Budget Expended Reports for Dec. 2018 with the BOE. He also provided the Board with an enrollment update for this current year. The Board discussed whether or not it was necessary to appoint a second BOE member to the Capital Reserve committee as R. Brainard is currently on the committee and J. Agostine will also serve on the committee. K. Mann indicated that she would be willing to participate if needed. J. Agostine asked if the Board would be willing to change the date for the next meeting from Feb. 4th to Feb. 11th. All were in agreement that it was fine to move the meeting date to the 11th of February.

2019-005 **MOTION** by C. Shaw, **seconded** by D. Farr, “to adjourn this regular meeting of the BOE” at 7:50 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Beaudoin,
Secretary

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