

Coordinator Report Feb 11, 2021

Doc will report on the response to his letter on 6th grade configuration. Then the board can decide whether to authorize Chair to send letters on behalf of Selectboard that are in opposition to PV 6th grade realignment from elementary to jr. high / middle school model. These would go to DESE Commissioner, and the School Committee at minimum. Diana has submitted a hearing complaint to the SC which is attached to the meeting packet. The reason this is at issue include a failed hearing, issues of transparency, and that the SC lacks the authority. The Acts of 2018 provide the potential for this change, subject to the DESE commissioner's approval to reconfigure. I do not remember when Pioneer officially became a middle school as opposed to junior high school as described in the District Agreement. And I do not remember when we became a Google school. The truth is the last time SC voted on it we were a Windows school, perhaps the last to dump Novel, and I think it is probably like our SC purported policies that you can find online. Much of 1000 plus pages purporting to be policies were never voted; and much of the recent additions amount to a fraud; only the AA's thru AZ in my memory had a first and 2nd reading and vote. Until we adopt MASC policies, they are just that, theirs and not ours. Any valid policies bear the date of adoption. Adding that now would be another fraud until somebody finds it in the minutes.

in the news lately we have been hearing about United States Senate using budget reconciliation to forward some major legislation that otherwise requires 60 votes to get to the floor of the Senate. We have the possibility of the reverse here in the Pioneer budgeting process. It is a fact that a 2/3 vote of the school committee is required to pass a budget . At this point we only have six members who are committed to proceeding with the lunacy of moving 6th graders in with the big kids. If 5 school committee members vote against the budget Tuesday's hearing, the budget is defeated, and it is back to the drawing board. I will trade support for the budget, my vote for the budget, for delay on the 6th grade change and some legitimate process.

Speakers including Principal Burke insisted that we needed to properly fund this move and included current elementary teacher . What I wonder is, did the overseer insist that cuts be made? Do we now understand that the school committee is advisory with respect to realignments reconfigurations and school closings ? I would be happy to print and supply a copy of the Acts of 2018 to any SC member who is lacking this information . It is effectively part of our current operating agreement, such as it is. Here is the address of the decider:

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Relating to Green Communities Grant funded energy measures underway it seems prudent to have the Selectboard acknowledge approval by DOER to reallocate the grant funds we were awarded for variable frequency drives (VFD) to the building management system. We were going to walk away rather than implement a flawed addition. DOER allowed reallocation because we accomplish the same goal another way / via controls informed by sensors rather than by varying motor speeds. The cost of the related change order is now under the grant. We replaced a belt that PV walked away from at WCS on an air handler. It was \$1350. Now I get it.

We have YTD financials to review. Expenditures are reported up to Jan 31, 2021 and Revenue Reports through November 30, 2020. Even out of phase like that WBS is \$4k from break even and we get \$10k/ month income.

Diana will report on the Wednesday 1/10 Finance Committee meeting, on FY22 budget, and recommended rainy day savings, and budget model. My fellow town coordinators are starting to discuss

prospects for annual town meetings. Ours is by bylaw May 3, 2021. Attorney Pollard says not to worry about it the governor's office order is still in force and if it expires it will get reissued. I would like to avoid the 112 budgets and have a meeting on Saturday in June.

We got word from Muniware which is our tax collection software and was our accounting software that they are closing after FY22, next fiscal year . VADAR had quoted us two years ago when we switched to VADAR for accounting and are willing to honor that quote . Jess as the tax collector and I met with them and we would like the board to vote to proceed with moving tax collection application software from Muniware to VADAR for FY22. Subject to Finance Committee recommendation I would myself recommend that we not take the front end loaded pricing .

We already formed a Warwick School District Planning Committee under Ch71 Sec14 by a vote of Selectboard and Town Meeting. Our planning committee comprised of one SC member and two appointed by moderator exists. I have counsel looking at whether we need to form another. Board could do it again anyway. Or you could wait two weeks.

I left some old business that is not ready for action on the agenda. These can flow to a subsequent meeting. Delay is mostly because of lack of final draft or review and these include:
Review and vote on Antioch University MOU that Brian is working on.
Fire Station window installation and construction supervision.
Municipal electric aggregation and low-income discount assignments.