

TOWN OF WARWICK
In Person & Virtual Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard
Warwick Community School
January 30, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Brian Snell, Chairman; Alan Genovese, Vice-Chairman; Keith Ross, Clerk

Others Present: David Young, Town Coordinator; Amanda Carey, Selectboard Secretary; Joe Larson, Fire Chief; Adam Holloway, Education Committee; A. George Day Jr., Open Space Committee

Present via Zoom: Carole Learned-Miller, Founding Superintendent; Diana Noble, Finance Committee Chair; Janice Kurkoski, Energy Committee; Susan Hollins, Education Consultant; Jess Marshall, WCS Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brian Snell called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the 12/19/2022, 1/2/2023, and 1/17/2023 meetings are tabled until the next meeting.

III. APPEARANCES

a. Fire Chief Joe Larson

Chief Larson reports that Northfield Road on the Northfield side is still closed with trees down from the recent storm. Chief Larson recently attended a training on fire codes. There are a lot of new codes for battery storage. A discussion regarding this will need to be addressed soon.

Keith Ross volunteers to be liaison for the Fire Department

Genovese MOVED to appoint Keith Ross as liaison to the Fire Department. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Janice Kurkoski – Next Green Communities Grant activities

Kurkoski recently presented the final Green Communities report and the Board has reviewed. Kurkoski explains that the next Green Communities Grant is going to be due around the beginning of April. Some potential items for the next grant could include air source heat pumps for classrooms at the school and possibly in the cafeteria and gym as well, air to water heat for the Fire Station, the integration of the

building management system with the air source heat pumps, and 38 more window inserts for Town Hall. Janice explains the financial budgets of the future Green Communities grants. It is the consensus of the Board to pursue a larger grant for this next round.

c. Carole Learned-Miller – report on founding superintendent activities

Miller has been focusing on one-on-one meetings with families and answering their questions. A very basic website has been created, it is www.warwickcommunityschool.org. The New Schools Grant is awarding us an additional \$7,500 on top of the initial grant with the intent to focus on marketing and publicity. They are not giving us \$7,500 in cash but instead \$7,500 worth of professional support to create a professional website.

Genovese MOVED to endorse the proposal for the family engagement plan that is being put together and receive updates of the working document as it progresses. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Miller presented two resumes to the Board. One is someone that she would like to bring on as a Teacher Consultant to work with her in building a curriculum, and the other is someone that she would like to hire on a very temporary, part-time, basis as a Web Assistant.

Genovese MOVED to appoint Gina Wyman as the Educational Consultant as recommended by Founding Superintendent, Carole Learned-Miller. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Ross MOVED to appoint Eli Koester as Web Assistant as recommended by Founding Superintendent, Carole Learned-Miller. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Miller announces the upcoming arts and nature events: Friday, February 3rd at 2:30p.m. and Wednesday, February 15th at 3:30p.m.

d. Susan Hollins – Senior Education Consultant on new district planning

Hollins advice for January was to get the school related committees straightened out. Her advice for February is to assist her through policies for governance and finance. Another important task that needs to be addressed this month is putting together priorities for the Technology Consultant. There is a state grant available that involves public schools and security systems for up to \$50,000. Miller and the Technology Consultant might apply for it. It could cover some equipment and some consultant time. The long range plan calls for an initial seven member School Committee. A Special Election will be held on April 3rd to establish the School Committee and elect three members to begin. Hollins feels that a larger group for the Committee is necessary because there is going to be a lot of work to do.

e. Adam Holloway

Holloway asks the Board to streamline communication and working projects in order for the Pro Tem Committee to be aware of what is going on and what the Selectboard is acting on. It is necessary to keep all the moving parts working smoothly while opening the school. Snell, Holloway, Miller, Marshall, and Hollins will begin to meet regularly to stay up to date and keep communication open.

IV. ACTIONS

a. Education non-profit

Young explains that three people are needed to be on the Board for the school's non-profit, He volunteers to be on it but still need two more people. The Board suggests reaching out to Todd Dexter and Doc Pruyne to see if they have interest. It is the consensus of the Board for the name of the Non-profit Board to be the "Warwick Community Educational Foundation Incorporated".

b. ARPA funding

Young is looking for an additional \$5,000 of ARPA funds for the senior meals at WCS.

Genovese MOVED to appropriate \$5,000 of ARPA funds for the senior meals at the Warwick Community School. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

c. Solid Waste District Representative

Genovese MOVED to declare that the Solid Waste District Representative and alternate positions are special municipal employees. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

d. Town Plumber

Young is seeking the Board's approval to hire Joseph Redner, of Tully Road in Orange, as the Town Plumber. He is a journeyman Mass plumber and is currently Starrett's plumber.

Ross MOVED to appoint Joseph Redner as the Warwick Town Plumber. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

V. REPORTS

a. Coordinator Report

Young reports that he has established a URL for staff emails at the school. It is warwickk12.us.

b. Selectboard Reports

All members had nothing to report.

The next Selectboard meetings will be Monday, February 13th and Monday, February 27th.

Ross MOVED to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Carey
Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Meeting agenda dated January 30, 2023

*Coordinator Report for February newsletter

*Hollins on Taylor's School Committee Election, expansion, voting

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