

**HUUSD Board Meeting
9 November 2016
Harwood Library
6:00 PM**

Unapproved Minutes

Attendance

Board: Christine Sullivan, Chair; Garrett MacCurtain, Peter Langella, Rosemarie White, Jim Casey, Alexandra Thomsen, Alycia Biondo, Heidi Spear, Gabe Gilman, Jill Ellis (6:34 pm), Rob Williams (6:55 pm)

Administration: Brigid Nease, Superintendent; Michelle Baker, WWSU Director of Finance and Operations; Donarae Dawson, WWSU Director of Student Services; Sheila Soule, WWSU Director of Curriculum; Amy Rex, HU Co-Principal; Lisa Atwood, HU Co-Principal; Kaiya Korb, Waitsfield Elementary Principal; Beth Peterson, Warren School Principal

Public: Michael Frank, Waterbury; Lara Seaberg, minute taker; MRV-TV camera operator

Call to Order: Chair Christine Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Christine Sullivan noted that the meeting time for the Negotiations Committee was incorrect. It should state that the meeting time is 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Rosemarie White moved to approve the minutes as amended and Garrett MacCurtain seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Discussion Items

A. Workgroup Reports

Facilities Committee: Rosemarie White shared that the Facilities Committee met on 9 November before the Board meeting. The committee toured the Harwood Union building. The next Facilities Committee will be 7 December 2016 and the committee will be touring Warren School. The Facilities Committee would prefer to meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month instead of the 1st.

Communications Committee: Heidi Spear informed the Board that the Communications Committee met on 2 November 2016 and worked on the school choice survey. Heidi Spear read aloud the letter that will be sent with the survey and reviewed the survey with the Board. Edits to the letter and survey are as follows: Where the title and introduction of the survey letter say "School choice", it should indicate that it is HUUSD school choice or Intra District school choice. In the beginning of the survey one of the words "answers" should be changed to "questions", and it should clearly state that the intra district school choice is for SY 2017-18. In question #3 on the survey the word "schools" should be removed and say "school". "Children's" should also be removed and the question should only say "child" as one survey should be filled out per child in a household. In the reasons for school choice the "timing" option should be eliminated. The survey will be edited, sent to central office and will be electronically mailed to SU families on 14 November 2016. It is due back on 21 November 2016. A reminder to fill out the survey and return it will be sent out the week of 14 November.

- B. **Budget Work:** Michelle Baker presented the HUUSD FY 2018 - July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 Budget Presentation #1 to the Board. Brigid Nease explained to the Board that this initial presentation was to explain to the Board who and what the new unified school district is and how much it costs. During and after the presentation, budget ideas were discussed and questions were asked.

Other Business: Gabe Gilman shared with the Board that he had brought up the explanation of the Transition Agreement Model in the Superintendent's Report to the Town of Moretown. Mr. Gilman asked what the cost of the VSBA policy review was. Brigid Nease informed him that the cost was \$1,000. Alex Thomsen asked about the cost of a bus to pick up tuition students in the Granville/ Hancock area would be. Brigid Nease shared the Board that tuition parents at Warren School had asked for a WWSU bus to pick up their students at a central location in the Granville/ Hancock area. Superintendent Nease informed the Board that a bus that makes one stop to pick up students in the Granville / Hancock area would cost \$57,000 which is about the cost of 2 to 3 tuitions. She informed the board that other SUs and school districts in the state send buses to pick up students and sending a bus to pick up tuition students may increase the number of tuition students coming to the HUUSD district. There was discussion about sending a bus. Heidi Spear made a motion to add the cost of sending a bus to a central location in the Granville/Hancock area to the budget. Rob Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the HUUSD Board is 30 November 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion by Rob Williams and seconded by Alycia Biondo the Board voted to adjourn at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lara Seaberg
Minute taker