

THE NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FINAL Minutes
October 9, 2014

PRESENT: Mike Yohan, John DeWitt, Dick Baldwin, Johanna Bartlett, John Fitzgerald, Jessalyn Zaykoski, Carla Halpern, Melissa Burke, members; Kelley Sullivan, Principal; Robert Mahler, Superintendent.

1. Mike called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. September 4, 2014 minutes: on a motion from Johanna seconded by Melissa the committee approved the minutes unanimously.
3. Warrants signed:
 - a. Bill -, 4071, 4072, 4514, 4515, 4516, 4517, 4518, 4519, 4520, 4521, 4610 and 8507.
 - b. Payroll - 406, 407, 408, 461, 806, 807, 808, 871, 4060, 4070, 4071, 4072, 4080, 4521, 4610, 8060, 8070, 8080 and 8710.
4. School Handbook: Johanna moved to accept the Swift River Family Handbook as is. Melissa seconded this motion. The committee approved unanimously.
5. Home School Applications: On a motion by John D. and seconded by John F. and a unanimous vote by the committee the home school application was approved.
6. School Psychologist: Kelley strongly recommended that the school psychologist, Karen Nelson, work at the school 5 days a week for a full time schedule. She is currently working 4 days a week, but this is not enough, between evaluations and crisis/social situations in the school she is needed full time. If she starts now this would add approximately \$11,000 to the budget. It is probable this is a cost that needs to be built into the budget for upcoming years. Carla moved to authorize Kelley to hire Karen full time. Johanna seconded this motion and the committee unanimously approved.
7. Power line pole: Johanna moved that Kelley allow a company to replace a power line pole on the school property. Carla seconded this motion and the committee approved unanimously.
8. Superintendent screening committee: Johanna volunteered to represent the NS/W School Committee on the Superintendent screening committee.
9. Next Meeting - November 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
10. On a motion by Johanna and seconded by Carla and a unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessalyn Zaykoski
Committee Secretary