Thornton School Board
Monday, October 28, 2019
Official Minutes

School Board members present: Greg Campbell, Joanne Marcotte, Mark Fischler, Diana Daigle & Barry VanDeMoere (5:43pm)

Administration present: SAU 48 Superintendent Mark Halloran
Assistant Superintendent Pam Martin
Principal Jonathan Bownes

Public present: Bill DeLeo, Julie Piehn, Diane Gravel, Nina Sargent, David Albert, Colin Roper, Kate Clark, Chris Wilkie, John Francis, Amy Ulrickson, Kate Hadaway, Lilah Hadaway & Henry Hadaway,

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Co-chairperson Greg Campbell

Agenda Review and Disposition - None

Minutes of September 23, 2019
On a motion by Mark Fischler, seconded by Joanne Marcotte, the Board voted to accept the September 23, 2019 minutes as written.

Principal’s Report:

1. Student Flu Clinic was Thursday, October 24th. This was organized by Liz Mills and 80 students participated.
2. The Budget Season has started. We are compiling the numbers and will bring it to the SAU shortly. The reading program will be kept for 1 more year. A new math program will be purchased for the 20-21 school year.
3. The Thornton Senior Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 21st.
4. The fall sports season went well. Soccer and Field Hockey placed 2nd in Pemi-Baker. TCS lost the Flag Football game at the last second.
5. Parent Conferences:
   a. 7&8 have already been completed
   b. 5&6 will be 11/6 & 11/7
   c. K will be on 11/13 & 11/21
   d. 1st will be 11/18 & 11/14
   e. 2nd will be 11/15 & 11/20
6. There will be a Veteran’s Day assembly Friday, November 8th at 9:00am. This will be hosted by the NJHS, Shannon Perkins and Kristen Janowicz.
7. PSAT’s for the 8th grade will take place on Wednesday, November 6th. All 8th graders in the SAU take this test. This helps get the students ready for testing in high school.
8. Winter Activities:
   a. This is a 5 week program – January 8, 15, 22, 19 & Feb 5th for 1-8th grades
   b. Alpine skiing and Snowboarding are at Waterville Valley Ski Area. $100 with rental/lesson, $65 with rental no lessons, $25 with no lesson or rental, $20 with
season pass holders and Helmets are required for all students. Helmets can be rented for $2 per week.
c. Swimming is at the Mountain Club at Loon Mountain $25
d. Ice Skating is at PSU $35 with rental, $20 without rental and a Helmet is required
e. Bowling (5-8 only) is at Funspot $42.50
f. Study Hall (5-8 only)

Privilege of the Floor #1 – None

Barry VanDeMoere entered the meeting at 5:43pm and conducted the rest of the meeting.

Discussion Items:

A. Community Building Discussion Continues – The Board met with the Selectmen and ran through the project with the Selectmen on Wednesday, October 9th.

A building discussion ensued at tonight’s meeting with questions and concerns:

1. The lifespan of the current library
2. Current spacing issues within the library and school
3. Current layout of the building and a scheduled tour
4. Conceptual plans that address a school and public library, town elections, classrooms, gym, cafeteria, kitchen, storage and safety for students.
5. Public voting and student safety during school hours
6. Costs and funding of the project
7. 10yr. Capital Improvement Plan and necessary repairs
8. Meetings required to present project such as bond and budget hearings
9. Public access to project information with school & town websites
10. Town Assessments

B. Employment References and Verification Policy – On a motion by Joanne Marcotte, seconded by Mark Fischler, the Employment Reference and Verification Policy was approved by the Board.

C. Other Business - none

Recognition and Awards:

Mr. Bownes recognized Liz Mills for the organizing and overseeing the Student Flu Clinic and to Shannon Perkins and Kristen Janowicz for organizing the Veteran’s Day Assembly.

Privilege of the Floor #2 - none

Nonpublic Session

On a motion by Greg Campbell and seconded by Joanne Marcotte, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter non-public session.

The Board entered non-public at 6:35pm.
On a motion by Diana Daigle, seconded by Mark Fischler, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter public session.

The Board entered public session at 7:05pm

On a motion by Mark Fischler and seconded by Joanne Marcotte, the Board voted unanimously in favor to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Campbell
Board Secretary

Future Meetings: 11/25, 12/16