The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda Review and Disposition** – Personnel and Student under nonpublic

**Minutes of December 17, 2018**

*On a motion by Cara Towers seconded by Mark Fischler, the Board voted in favor to accept the December 17, 2018 minutes as written.*

**Principal's Report:**

- Ski Days – Winter activities are going well.
- Step Up Night – 8th Grade Step Up is at PRHS tonight. The students tour the building and it’s their first transition into PRHS. Class choices will be next week
- Basketball – The last game is Wednesday at Campton
- School on March 29th – Was originally set as an In-service day. Would like to use this day as a makeup snow day. *On a motion by Joanne Marcotte and seconded by Cara Towers, the Board voted in favor to accept March 29th, 2019 as a school day.*
- Destination Imagination – Community Service Learning Project was a spaghetti dinner fundraiser that earned $810 for First Star Tonight. Students of this team are: Violet Towers, Abey Gordon, Jyllian Thurston, Brynn Daigle, Qwincee Pitman Duguay and Chloe Uzzell.
- 8th Grade Poetry Night – will be February 19th where there will be poetry readings by 8th grade.
- February Vacation – February 25th – March 1st

**Privilege of the Floor #1** - Beth Wilkie asked if there was a way to expand the enrichment opportunities available to students that are not interested in athletics or DI. Mr. Bownes did mention that Mrs. Chase does have a STEM group in the afternoon. He also mentioned that if teachers and parents were to step forward to run programs, they would look into what’s needed for grants or scholarships to get a program started.

**Discussion Items:**

- The State Bridge Report was presented by Mr. Halloran and the report shows that the bridges in Thornton are in compliance with DOT’s posting recommendations.
- Mr. Halloran went over the current school year revenue data and we are in great shape.
- The 2019-2020 Budget Draft #2, was presented with a few changes. The current reading series will stay the same with re-licensure of the program for the next few years. Mr. Halloran stated that it’s a very solid budget and thanked Mr. Bownes for doing a fine job with it.
- The Demographic Report isn’t available yet. Hopefully it will be available shortly.
- Cara Towers, on behalf of Debby Duffy, spoke about community members starting an Event Committee and involve the school. They have lots of ideas to bring to the community and could make some great community connections.
• Water testing was required by the legislature and to be completed by July 1st. The testing has been completed earlier than required and we were found to be in compliance.
• A draft of the Warrant was presented and discussed. It was decided that one of the proposed articles needs clarification. Mr. Halloran will make sure the changes are made. The article would be to appropriate $28,695 for a teachers position if a second kindergarten teacher was needed. This would be in addition to the teacher’s assistant position currently in the budget for 2019-2020. The salary of the teacher’s assistant would be combined with the $28,695 for a second kindergarten teacher and the teacher’s assistant position would be eliminated.
• It was also discussed at what point the kindergarten class would be split and what would be required to make this possible. There is the possibility of the technology/computers going on a cart and the art room moving into the computer lab if there was a second kindergarten class.

Recognition and Awards
Mr. Bownes recognized Stephanie Shirley for her work and the time she puts into winter activity. Also to Cara Towers for 9 years of her dedicated service to the School Board.

Privilege of the Floor #2 - Diana Daigle wanted the board to be aware that the meetings at 7:00pm are difficult for parents who have young children to make the meetings. Mr. Halloran explained that, from past experience, an earlier meeting time didn't get people here to the meetings. It was also mentioned that the meeting is only 1 night a year.

On a motion by Cara Towers seconded by Mark Fischler the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter nonpublic session.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:30pm

On a motion by Mark Fischler seconded by Cara Towers, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter public session.

The Board entered public session at 6:43 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Campbell
Board Secretary