Thorton School Board
Monday, September 23, 2019
Official Minutes

Board members present: Barry VanDeMoere, Greg Campbell, Joanne Marcotte, Mark Fischler and Diana Daigle

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

Public present: Julie Piehn, Debra Shepard, Marianne Peabody, Bill DeLeo, Eben Gannett, David Truchon, Diane Gravel, Nina Sargent, Roger Robidoux, Beth Wilkie, Peter Stewart, Jon Francis, Amy Ulrickson, Kate Clark & Jeffrey Richard

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

Agenda Review and Disposition: None

Minutes of August 12, 2019:

On a motion by Greg Campbell seconded by Barry VanDeMoere, the Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the August 12, 2019 minutes.

Principal's Report:

1. The school year started well. The 3 week, 4 week and 5 week start is a great way to start the year. We started with 212 students and currently have 216.
2. Kindergarten was split into two classes and has 12 students in each class.
3. Technology moved to a cart. This leaves us with no place for STEM activities or Robotics.
4. Art room was moved to the Technology room
5. Kate Shaw, 2nd Grade, was moved to the old art room.
6. 2nd Kindergarten class is put in Kate Shaw’s old room.
7. Open House - 5-8th was held on August 28th, and K-4 was September 19th.
8. NWEA testing has been completed.
9. Student Flu Clinic will be held on October 23rd and appx. 78 students signed up.
10. Lions Club Eye Screening – 171 students were screened and 16 were referred.

Privilege of the Floor #1:

Beth Wilkie asked if more detailed information could be in the minutes. Mark Halloran explained that minutes are not a transcript of the meeting.
Discussion Items:

A. **Elections/Voting – Select Board Members.** Select Board member Marianne Peabody and Town Administrator, Debra Shepard were present to request use of the school for town elections on March 10, 2020. The Select Board previously requested the use of the school facility for the Presidential Primary on February 11, 2020 so that required state space guidelines were followed. Marianne and Debra were concerned that there could be confusion with holding the February voting at the school, and the March voting at the town office. With a brief discussion, the Board agreed in favor of utilizing the school facility as a polling place for local, state and presidential elections.

B. **Facility Planning – Peter Stewart/Jon Francis** - Peter Stewart of Stewart Associates Architects and Jon Francis, SAU#48 Facilities Director, presented a possible floor plan to open discussion about an expansion that would meet the needs of the community, the growth within the town, comply with state regulations for local, state and presidential elections, incorporate a public and school library into an expansion, and addressing community and student safety. There was a lengthy question and answer discussion with the next step getting the information out to the Select Board and to the community.

C. **CIP Draft/Jon Francis** - Jon Francis presented a draft of the 10 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Board to review. It is a requirement of the Board to provide a copy of the CIP to the Town of Thornton. After a brief discussion it was noted that many of the needed improvements would be included in the expansion project. A motion was made by Mark Fischler, and seconded by Joanne Marcotte, to submit the CIP draft to the Town of Thornton as presented and revise it if he need arises. The Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the draft as presented and gave it to Bill DeLeo of the Thornton CIP Committee.

D. **Notice of Intent to Bargain** – The Thornton Support Staff Association has notified the School Board of its intent to open negotiations for the TSSA contract effective date of July 1, 2020. Joanne Marcotte and Diana Daigle will represent the School Board.

E. **FY19 Financial Wrap up** – Mark Halloran went over the end of the school year 2019-2020 financial information.

F. **Employment References and Verification Policy** – A new policy was presented that was drawn up by the New Hampshire School Boards Association about Employee References and Verifications. The Board was asked to look it over and the second reading will be at the next meeting.

G. **Other Business** – None
Recognition and Awards:
Mr. Bownes recognized Eric Tyrrell, Rob Beede and David White for getting the school ready for students and staff for the new school year. Recognition went to Stephanie Shirley, Steve Switzer, and to Kate Shaw for moving classrooms. To Danielle Morse for organizing and administering the NWEA testing.

Privilege of the Floor #2:  None

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

The Board entered non-public session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss student and personnel issues.

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

The Board entered public session at 7:59 p.m.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Joanne Marcotte the Board voted unanimously in favor to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Campbell
Board Secretary

Future Meetings:  10/28, 11/25 & 12/16