

## **EMMA L. MILLER MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Monday, June 4, 2018**

**Present:** Jon Lev, Jen Nocher, Cathy Chapman, Alana Boyd, Brian O'Grady

**Also Present:** Kim Wells, Christina Engwer, Erica Varieur, Mr. LeGrand, Brenda Clairmont

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Superintendent Jon Lev. The superintendent asked for nominations for chairperson of the Emma L. Miller School Committee. Brian O'Grady nominated Jen Nocher. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alana Boyd. Unanimous. Jen Nocher is the new chairperson of the school committee.

- II. Correspondence/Handouts:** Minutes from the May 7, 2018 school committee meeting, an updated FY 18 Financial Statement, the Principal's Report, a leave request, and information from NAPS re: the lunch program were included in the committee's packet.
- III. Approval of the Minutes:** Jen Nocher made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Savoy School Committee meeting of May 7, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alana Boyd. Brian O'Grady Abstained. Unanimous.
- IV. Principal's Report:** See attached report
- V. Financial Statement:** After a brief discussion, Jen Nocher made a Motion-To accept the FY 18 Financial Statement dated July 1, 2017 thru May, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alana Boyd. Unanimous.
- VI. Superintendent's Report/Discussion Items:** Superintendent Lev informed the committee that the Savoy School FY19 Budget which was level funded at \$729,803, was approved at the Savoy Annual Town Meeting. The transportation budget of \$59,850 (down \$21,340) also passed. A request by a choice parent to add a bus stop at the town highway garage on 116 was approved by the DuFour Bus Company for next school year at no extra cost. The superintendent asked Principal Chapman to inform the parent. The superintendent search is down to 3 candidates. They will be interviewed tonight, the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>. After the third interview, a vote by the NBSU School Committee will take place and if there is a majority vote for one of the candidates, the new superintendent will be named. Interviews for the new Savoy principal will take place next week and hopefully the new principal will be named before the end of the month. Two

different options for NAPS to provide lunches to Savoy were discussed. After some questions and explanations, **Alana Boyd made a motion to have the North Adams Public Schools Food Service sponsor the Emma L. Miller Memorial Elementary School as a NSLP Site. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen Nocher. Unanimous.** Superintendent Lev with notify NAPS Superintendent Malkas. The superintendent explained that he had received 2 requests for leaves forms from Principal Chapman regarding two different staff members. Since both were for the 2018/2019 school year, he asked the principal to let the staff members know that they would have to resubmit their requests after school begins in the fall. The committee further discussed the request from a staff member for a pay increase greater than 2% that was offered. **Brian O'Grady made a motion to increase the hourly wage for Brenda Clairmont to \$15 an hour, effective for the 2018/2019 school year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alana Boyd. Unanimous.** Principal Chapman discussed the survey she had put out regarding Blizzard Bags. It appears an overwhelming majority approved of the program. It was decided to hold off a decision on Blizzard Bags for the 2018/2019 school year until the fall. The school floor project was discussed. **Alana Boyd made the motion to accept the quote made by Scott's Carpet One regarding the K/1 room, 2/3 room and the MPR providing prevailing wage does not increase the cost by more than 20%. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen Nocher. Unanimous.** Principal Chapman will check to see if prevailing wage was figured into the quote and get back to Superintendent Lev.

**VII. School Committee Business:**

- A. Continuing Business:** There is high interest in continuing the after-school program for next year. It is not clear at this time regarding interest in having preschool students in the program. Also a before school program needs to be looked at in the fall as well as the preschool question.
- B. New Business:** None

**VIII. Public Comment:** None

**IX. Executive Session:** Per Chapter 30A, Section 21 MGL- Not Necessary

**X. Adjournment:** Brian O'Grady made a motion to adjourn at 5:56pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alana Boyd. Unanimous.

**Next Meeting:** Next Savoy SC day and time- TBD. NBSU SC Meeting, June 4,5,&6, 2018 at 6pm in Clarksburg.