

WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

Monday, November 25, 2019 - 7:30pm
Washington Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Karen Belanger

Kathy Atkins

Arin Mills

Cameo Mulliner

Absent - Linda Musmanno

Administration:

Robert Hassett, Superintendent

Patricia Parenteau, Assistant

Superintendent

Lori Schmidt, Business Administrator

Jennifer Crawford, Consulting Principal

/Director of Curriculum Instruction and

Assessment

1.0 CALL TO ORDER @ 7:16pm

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Moment of Silence

2.0 OPEN FORUM

2.1 None

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Single School Start Time Discussion

3.1.1 Jim O'Rourke

3.1.1.1 The research on moving to a single start time is very compelling

3.1.1.1.1 Looking at students who have more mental health issues that they have to deal with

3.1.1.1.2 Research shows that students are not functioning at their best early in the morning

3.1.1.2 Out of all the schools in NH surveyed, 4% of them in the state started before 7:30am.

3.1.1.2.1 More schools are moving to a later start time, we are still in the 1% -2% that still start before 7:46 am,

3.1.1.3 Primary reason to move to a single start

3.1.1.3.1 Students' well being

3.1.1.4 Students are asking for this - they want a later start time

3.2 Concerns

3.2.1 Sports

3.2.1.1 Students are already leaving classes early for sporting events

3.2.1.2 Looking at scheduling options to optimize class time

3.2.2 Question

3.2.2.1 Atkins

3.2.2.1.1 If we move to a later time, won't we have the same issues just later in the morning?

3.2.2.1.1.1 No, this is more about the students biological clock. The students who were late before, will probably still be tardy

3.2.2.2 Mills

3.2.2.2.1 Need to keep in mind the Homework load

3.2.2.2.1.1 Kids need to decompress.

3.2.2.2.1.2 other activities at home in the evening.

3.3 We are currently on a one year extension contract that is almost up

3.3.1 Will be putting this out to bid

3.4 Cost to Washington

3.4.1 \$88,000 per bus for Washington, and we would need two

3.5 Logistics

3.5.1 Looking at options

3.5.1.1 Switching the elementary start time?

3.5.2 Expect to have two companies bidding for the new contract.

3.5.2.1 Hope to be able to get a competitive rate - Maybe a savings

3.5.2.2 Opportunity to add a 6 year age limit to all the buses to the contract

3.6 First bell would move to 8:15am and last bell would move to 3:10 pm

3.7 Need to look at what the impact on the Elementary School students

3.7.1 Need the research

3.8 Nothing will happen if we do not build it into the budget

3.8.1 Will be on the SAU Board agenda for the December 5th meeting

4.0 Discussion

4.1 Atkins

4.1.1 Supports the idea

4.1.2 Did not realize it would be happening so soon

4.1.3 The cost is really high for Washington

4.1.4 Moving Elementary start time up

4.1.4.1 Feels it would be fair to the staff - lots of charges in the last few years

4.1.5 If we made the Elementary School start earlier, how will that affect our art collaboration with other schools?

4.1.5.1 The timing will line up better

4.1.6 Feels it is too early for little kids to stand outside

4.1.7 Potential magnet stop ?

4.1.7.1 Estimated cost of this?

4.1.7.1.1 Waiting for the bus companies to bid

4.2 Belanger

4.2.1 If we do add the \$180,000 to the budget, and it gets voted down, How can we do this and still keep transportation in the budget?

4.2.1.1 Looking at how to do this

4.2.1.2 The bid will be for both Washington and HD combined

4.2.1.2.1 Hopes this will save money for both districts

4.2.1.3 There is no room in the budget for cuts to be made to cover the extra transportation costs

4.2.2 Bus schedule

4.2.2.1 Students getting off the bus later

4.2.2.2 May not work with families schedules

4.2.3 Having the single start time additional bus costs be a warrant article?

4.2.3.1 One way to do it, but it could be voted down

4.2.3.1.1 No means no

4.3 Mills

- 4.3.1 Sees the impact of her kids getting up early
- 4.3.2 Washington is most impacted due to the distance needed to travel to the MS and HS
- 4.3.3 There is no option for Washington students to have a late bus for those who have to stay after school.
 - 4.3.3.1 Has negatively impacted her child

4.4 Mulliner

- 4.4.1 Really comes down to the budget

5.0 Action Items

- 5.1 Lori to add the cost of the additional buses to the budget

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 Mulliner moved to adjourn. Mills seconds. Motion Passed. 4-0 @ 8:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Fleagle