**Regional School Unit 78**

**School Board Meeting**

**March 8, 2016**

**6:00 pm**

**Minutes**

Attending: Chair Hilliard, Vice Chair Nuttall, Dr. Koob, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Farmer, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Rideout, Mr. Dudley

Absent:  Mrs. Eastlack, Mr. Burgess

1. Call to Order: Chair Hilliard called meeting to order at 6:02pm
2. Approval of Minutes of 2/23/16 meeting:
3. Adjustments: None
4. Public Comments:
5. Comments:
   1. Chair:
   2. Superintendent:
   3. Principal: Updated board on results of School Spirit Challenge. RLRS raised the equivalent to approx. 44,000lbs of food.
6. Committee:
   1. Policy: Meetings have focused on Policy Governance model. Planning a trip to VT conference.
   2. Facilities: Meeting tomorrow, 3/9 5pm. Mr. Farmer & Mr. McIntire visited DOE.  DOE is willing to meet and review the plans even though it’s not state funded.
   3. Finance:
   4. Evaluation: None
7. Appointments: None
8. Old Business:
   1. QZAB Update: Bond is out for bids. Anticipating a 0% interest rate. Supt. McIntire opted for a 1st payment date of September 15, 2017.
   2. Renovation Update: Architect & engineers visiting school on March 18th. Will meet with staff to answer questions. Draft contract received from architect. Architect’s estimate for furniture for new spaces, $101,232. Budget for total of furniture and technology is $25,000. Supt. requested board membership on an ad hoc committee to consider furniture options. Chair Hilliard appointed volunteers Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Farmer.
   3. Retreat Follow-Up
      1. School Transformation: A straw poll showed unanimous board support for continued work on school transformation.
      2. Policy governance: The policy committee recommends further study and that the next retreat focus on Policy Governance. Mrs. Richards reported having done her own research on the subject and her support for the work. Supt. McIntire shared a response from MSMA that was noncommittal.  A straw poll showed unanimous support for further study and for making more information about the model and the process to adopt it available to the board. Chair Hilliard and Supt. McIntire will attend a one day conference on the model. Others are invited.
      3. A poll will be sent out to set the date for the next board retreat.
9. New Business
   1. RFA Land: RFA is planning to sell the land that abuts RLRS property. Suggested to discuss with the RFA.  Mrs. Richards: Authorize Mr. McIntire to discuss with the RFA the land.
   2. Budget Presentations: Great deal of discussion around the process, concerns on increases, explanation of base budget.

Presentations by Mr. Warfel & Mrs. Webber about technology; Mrs. Jacobs about RTI high school program; Mr. McIntire regarding emergency planning

Motion: Dr. Koob, “Administration prepare a budget with a 5% increase from 2015-16 budget for consideration” 2nd: C Farmer. Motion Carries

* 1. Insurance Resolution: Tabled until documents from MSMA can be reviewed.

Next Meeting: March 22nd, 2016: 6pm

1. Adjournment:  9:20pm