

ERVING SCHOOL UNION #28
Joint Supervisory Committee
FINAL Minutes
July 29, 2014

PRESENT: Johanna Bartlett, Sean McNiff, Dan Hayes, Kip Fonsh, Sarah Dolven, Jenn Chylack, Alan Mully, Erik, Semb, Cheryl Bonica, Fred Steinberg, Carla Halpern, Jess Zaykoski, and Catherine Brooks (outgoing School Committee member—Leverett).
Members of the public: Chase McNiff

1. Dan Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Kip Fonsh moved and Carla Halpern seconded and voted 10-0-1 to approve the minutes from June 16, 2014.
3. Dan Hayes discussed the Superintendent evaluation process and the actions that were taken in aggregating the information and placing the comments in the form separately.

Discussion continued surrounding the issue that the evaluation was in draft form and what would happen if a Committee member wanted to add information or comments. Was the current document a draft or a final version? The general sense of the group was that the document was in draft form and could be amended to reflect additional information of comments.

4. Dan then read the tallies for each category (the goals and standards). The comments for each category were either read into the record verbatim by the member who wrote them, or that member could describe their comment.
5. Johanna Bartlett moved and Kip Fonsh seconded a motion to accept the Superintendent's evaluation as written as the final version. The motion passed 12-0-0.
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7. Johanna Bartlett expressed her appreciation of Dan Hayes' work as chair of the committee.
8. Superintendent Bob Mahler reported on the leadership Team full-day retreat on July 11th. This meeting included the four principals, the Director of Special Education and the Curriculum Coordinator. The agenda focused on team building and planning for the upcoming school year, including the use of an electronic system to ease the workload associated with the educator evaluation system.

On July 23rd the Secretary of Education, Matt Malone visited Union 28. He observed a special education program at Shutesbury and toured the Leverett School as well as the Central Office.

Six of the administrators are attending a three day Reading Institute at the Massachusetts Elementary School Principal's Association office in Marlborough to learn how to observe and identify best practices in reading instruction.

The hiring process continues for the Business Manager. An offer has been made to one of the candidates.

9. The next meeting will take place on September 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
10. Kip Fonsh reported on the Regional Agreement Working Group (RAWG). They are to reconvene on August 19, 2014 to work with a facilitator to arrive at an agreement upon the items to amend the current regional agreement with Amherst Regional Public Schools. These proposed amendments are to be presented to the Amherst Regional School Committee in September, 2014 with a final vote by that committee by February 2015. It is anticipated that following the school committee votes, the amended agreement will be offered at the Town Meetings in the spring of 2015 for a vote. There will be informational forums in each town (Leverett, Shutesbury, Pelham and Amherst) in the fall of 2014.
11. Johanna Bartlett moved and Jess Zaykoski seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passes 11-0-0 at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Mahler