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MEETING OF THE
MONTPELIER BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

June 6, 2018
MINUTES

Minutes Approved:

Present

Board: Bridget Asay, Michele Braun, Tina Muncy, Nancy Reid, Peter Sterling (arr. 6:37 p.m.)
Administration: Superintendent Brian Ricca, Business Manager Grant Geisler
Public: Robert Post
Absent: Becky Bowen, Jim Murphy

Item I – Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Item II – Public Comment None.

Item III – Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2018 School Board Meeting**
- **Approval of Warrants for Payroll & Accounts Payable for June 8, 2018 (Limitations Policy 2.4)**
- **Approval of FY18 Quarter 3 Financial Report (Limitations Policies 2.3, 2.4)**
- **Approval of Resignations (Limitations Policy 2.9)**

Ms. Muncy moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to approve the consent agenda including minutes of the May 16, 2018 regular meeting, Warrant 25 dated June 8, 2018 in the amount of \$820,090.08 the FY18 Quarter 3 financial report, and the resignations of Jessica Kobb and Barbara Austin-Hutchins. Motion carried unanimously.

Item IV – Limitations Policy 2.3 – Financial Condition and Activities

- Hear Parent Request for Tuition Waiver

Mr. Post presented his request for a tuition waiver as outlined in Superintendent Ricca's memo dated June 1, 2018 (copy attached). Due to current financial conditions, Mr. Post explained his inability to pay tuition at this time. Ms. Asay moved, seconded by Ms. Muncy, that the Board waive tuition for the Post family except for \$500 for the remaining 18 days of the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Sterling cited the need for establishing criteria for evaluating tuition waiver requests. Ms. Reid noted the importance of keeping track of decisions on tuition waiver requests and the reasoning behind those decisions. Following further discussion, Mr. Sterling moved, seconded by Ms. Asay, to amend the original motion to charge the Post family \$100 tuition for the remaining 18 days of the current school year for two children. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The motion as amended carried unanimously.

Item V – Adjourn

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Heather Michaud
Recorder



Students will be capable, motivated contributors to their local, national, and world communities.

Date: 6/1/18

To: Montpelier Public Schools Board of School Commissioners

From: Dr. Brian G. Ricca *(m)*

RE: Memo for Agenda Items

Update on Consent Agenda

- 3rd Quarter Financial Report – At the May 16, 2018 meeting, a question was raised regarding transportation costs exceeding the budget. According to the Business Manager, we have exceeded the budget due to unanticipated costs related to transporting students to outside placements. Since we increased the budget, we should finish the year with less of a deficit in this line than we did in FY17. We will also be reimbursed for about 56% of these costs. I look forward to this report being approved.

Parent Request for Tuition Waiver

- The only item for consideration this week is an appeal from a family that has moved out of district. As of March 1, Robert Post and his family were no longer residents of Montpelier. Per procedure F14, I am able to grant this family 90 calendar days of a tuition waiver. However, that leaves eighteen school days to the end of the school year (Wednesday, May 30 – Friday, June 22). Mr. Post and his family are asking the Board to waive the tuition cost of \$2,427.12.

In e-mail exchanges with Mr. Post, I offered a “family” rate of \$1,213.56 for the two children who are still attending Montpelier Public Schools, given the fact that the family is asking for a waiver.

I do feel strongly that the family should contribute and that the Board should not waive this tuition in its entirety.

I look forward to the conversation.