

Halifax Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2014

Attendees: Homer Sumner, Paul Blais, Kimberly Tefft, Sandy Pentak-Cohen, Chris Pratt
Guests: Karen Atwood

Meeting called to order at 1930.

Homer Sumner moved the minutes of October 1st and October 15th be accepted as written, seconded by Kimberly Tefft, passed.

Review of School Closing Procedures – Halifax and Twin Valley
Sandy Pentak-Cohen will notify Marylee Putnam of school closings. School closing procedure will be updated to include this.

Principal's Report:

Wilmington House of Pizza donated a chest freezer to the school.

Health inspection on 10/20/2014; scored 95/100, 5 points were deducted mainly for cleanliness. Warped pressure gauge in sanitizer should be replaced, thermometers in refrigerator need to be checked for accuracy and placed in a more conspicuous location.

A letter of resignation was received from Mary Lemaire, ½ paraeducator – resignation effective November 14, 2014. Paul Blais made a motion we accept Mary Lemaire's resignation, seconded by Kimberly Tefft, passed.

Superintendent's Report:

The supervisory union was awarded a proficiency based learning grant for \$17,500. Those involved will meet 2x/month beginning in November.

PBIS grant for \$6,500 has also been awarded.

Chris Pratt attended the VSBA and VSA Face the Challenge Conference. At the conference the issues of health insurance and budgets were discussed.

VEHI COA and approval of freezer purchase were removed as action items as these no longer need to be addressed.

First Reading & Approval of School's 1:1 Computing Policy

The cost of insurance will be changed to from \$28.00 to \$30.00.

Homer Sumner moved we approve the first reading of the 1:1 Computing Policy, which will be G-13A, seconded by Kimberly Tefft, passed.

All sped personnel will need to be under the supervisory union by July 1, 2015. A contract has been drafted by the e-board, however, the insurance piece still needs to be addressed. The e-board will soon enter into negotiations with special ed personnel.

Karen provided a document comparing health plans from VEHI and Vermont Health Connect for board members to review.

Halifax Budget Comparison for FY2015 – FY2016 Draft #1 was provided.

It was reported that Friends of Halifax voted to provide \$10.00 per student for winter sports, the school will continue to fund transportation cost for winter sports.

A letter was received from the teachers re: their intent to enter into negotiations.

The board still needs to decide whether to pay Jeff Comenitz for 10 extra days or deduct 10 days from the end of the year. The cost for 10 eight hours days would be \$2400.00

Homer Sumner moved to pay Jeff Comenitz for 10 extra days, seconded by Paul Blais, passed.

Warrants in the amount of 208,642.35 were signed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2114.