

## Woodbury School Board Meeting

January 27, 2009

### UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Administration Present: Mark Andrews, co-superintendent

Board Members Present: Retta Dunlap, chair; Lindsay Whelan, Chris Casey, Matt Hill, Judy Sassi.

Community Members Present: Vail Leach; Peter Peltz; Kim Silk; Heather Lanphear; Steve Freihofner.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

1. Wellness Policy: A wellness policy is mandated by the state. The OSSU executive committee adopts a wellness policy and then presents the policy to individual boards for adoption. The wellness policy was warned in this meeting and will be voted on at the next meeting, February 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Set Tuition Rates: The current tuition rate is \$10,175. The new tuition rate is figured by first subtracting all costs that are reimbursable and then dividing the remaining amount by the number of students. Figured this way, the new tuition rate is \$11,783. Another way to figure the tuition is to simply add 4% to the current rate. This amount would be \$10,580.  
Chris made a motion to set the tuition rate at \$10,580. Seconded by Lindsay, and passed unanimously.
3. In addition to tuition, the school is allowed to charge \$4,137 above the regular tuition rate for reimbursement for special education services.  
Matt made a motion to accept \$4,137 for the special education excess cost surcharge. Seconded by Chris, passed unanimously.
4. Retta made the following motion: "Although the school board feels that hiring a consultant to collect data about the future of a community school is a good idea, as our per pupil costs are dangerously high, I move that we not pursue to fund such a study in our budget at this time." Lindsay seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
5. Budget: Retta made the following motion: "I move to approve a budget of \$844,248 which entails a 3.9% increase." Seconded by Judy. Discussion followed. Retta felt that

any amount over the 3.9% increase was unsustainable. Judy felt that in the current economic climate, approving a budget at a higher percentage of increase would be difficult for taxpayers. Lindsay, Matt, and Chris felt that vital services would have to be cut to accommodate the 3.9% increase budget. There was some discussion that this was a decision that should be made by the voters, not the board. The vote was split on this motion with Judy and Retta voting in favor of this amount, and Lindsay, Chris, and Matt voting against this amount. This motion failed.

Matt made the following motion: "I move to approve the budget in the amount of \$900,610 for FY10." Lindsay seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the two vote provision that such an amount would require. Should the second vote fail, Superintendent Mark Andrews would be charged with deciding which items would be cut from the budget. Mark said reductions would most likely come from staff or transportation. The vote was split on Matt's motion with Lindsay, Matt, and Chris voting in favor of the \$900,610 budget amount, and Retta and Judy voting against this amount. The motion passed by majority vote.

6. The warning for the budget was signed by the board members. Vail and Peter felt that one item on the warning was unnecessary and did not need to be warned. Traditionally, every year, the warning includes an article asking that any balance left be placed in a separate account. Vail and Peter felt it was unnecessary to warn this article every year. Mark will check to see if this is necessary or not.
7. There was discussion regarding a newsletter to the community regarding the budget. Also, discussion regarding the current newsletter regarding the past three months. Judy will get the current newsletter out to voters. The contents for the budget newsletter will be discussed more at the next meeting.
8. Matt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lindsay. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.