

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, August 8, 2016
Norwich Inn

APPROVED MINUTES

The Board retreat began at approximately 6:00 p.m.. The following were present: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Shannon Darrah, Kristen Downey, Scott MacPhee, School Board; Kevin Petrone, TES Principal; Beth Cobb, OESU Superintendent

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

"COLORS": MacPhee guided a team building exercise focused on learning style tendencies.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (Petrone): Petrone explained that he and the TES staff have been using PLC related strategies to keep the school moving forward during the holding pattern of Act 46 decisions. There is an OESU-wide project based learning initiative, which will be well supported by TES's culture of collaboration. Petrone outlined the TES mission, vision (dovetails with the development of the strategic plan), values, and goals. Petrone has been working with staff around delineating these four pillars.

PRE-K: Discussion about how to house pre-K at TES. Petrone stated 21 pre-K students were served last school year at various certified programs. Discussion will continue.

TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS: Buttrey and Downey are in charge of teacher negotiations. They are planning for negotiations to be a warned public session. Buttrey wants to begin as soon as school resumes.

ACT 46: Even if TTSD does not merge, a case will still need to be made to the State in order to stay in the new OESU. Cobb stated TTSD will have to convince the State Board of Education there is no savings to go elsewhere other than OESU. Downey stated she is committed to seeing the study grant application through with Strafford, Sharon, Tunbridge, and Stockbridge.

STRATEGIC WORK PLAN: Currently difficult to develop because of Act 46. The Board discussed using Petrone's values outline to guide the Board. Darrah prioritizes a facilities audit, as well as an upgrade of the school's telephone system. The current system is not repairable. Acker agreed to prioritize a facilities audit for budget planning. Cobb stated Thompson can assist.

ADJOURNMENT: (Acker/MacPhee) moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. (unanimous approval).

FUTURE MEETINGS

8/23/16	Thetford Town School District, Thetford Elementary School	7:00 p.m.
9/6/16	OESU retreat at Oxbow	6:00 p.m.
9/20/16	Thetford Town School District, Thetford Elementary School	6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:
Amy Bosco, Minutes Clerk

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Julie Acker, Board Clerk