School Committee Minutes

Bromfield School Library

Monday, August 13, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Members attending: Mary Traphagen, SusanMary Redinger, John Ruark and Jon Green

Absent: Shannon Molloy, Maureen Babcock, Peter Rowe, and Linda Dwight.

Mary Traphagen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

SusanMary Redinger read the Vision Statement.

**Public Commentary**: - Jennifer Finch – Codman Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451 – recommendations regarding the family request agenda item.

Mary Traphagen asked to table the agenda Item “Follow-up on PTO Public Comment”.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded to table Agenda Item V.

VOTE 4/0

**Vote on Use of Funds for Water Softener System and Bromfield Repairs**

Jon Snyer explained that due to the hard water in Harvard, a water softener system would help resolve problems in the Bromfield Cafeteria with heating the water.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded to move that we approve the use of the Devens funds of up to $9,800 for the purchase of the water softener system.

VOTE 4/0

Jon Snyer explained that a roof drain damaged some of the wall in two classrooms. He had a quote for the wall replacement and also the roof repair. The roof repair may be more extensive. The current quote is $6,420 but Jon Snyer is asking for up to $10K to cover unexpected expenses when repairing the roof.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded to expend up to $10K to repair the damaged roof and walls at The Bromfield School.

VOTE 4/0

**Dobbie Family Request**

Mary Traphagen asked members to express their feelings regarding the request to allow two sixth grade boys to re-enter the Harvard Public School in grade 6 due to unique circumstances.

Dr. Dwight’s recommendation is to allow permission for one school year (2018-2019) and require the family to be residents of Harvard or Devens in order for the arrangement to continue in 2019-2020 school year.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Jon Green seconded to move that we allow the students from the Dobbie family to attend the Harvard Public Schools for a one-year period with the understanding that they will work to seek residency in Harvard or Devens and they will provide their own transportation to our school.

VOTE 4/0

**Adjournment**

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and John Ruark seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

VOTE 4/0

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Zadroga