

Sandgate School District Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes ~ Wednesday, March 20, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM ~ Sandgate Town Hall

Board members present at this meeting were Jeanne Zoppel and Allan Tschorn and Celeste Keel
BVSU Administration in attendance included Superintendent Bill Bazyk.

The {organizational} meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Superintendant Bazyk, and the first order of business was to organize the board. Bill asked for nominations for board chair.

- Celeste nominated Jeanne to serve as board chair. Jeanne was unanimously approved (voted) as board chair.
- In Jeanne took over the meeting and asked for nominations for board vice-chair. Allan nominated Celeste as vice chair of the board. Celeste was unanimously approved as board vice chair.
- Jeanne asked for nominations for board clerk. Celeste nominated Allan as board clerk. Allan was unanimously approved as board clerk.
- Jeanne requested nominations for BVSU representative. Allan nominated Celeste as BVSU representative.
- The board unanimously approved the Bennington Banner as the paper of record.
- The board unanimously approved using Lynn, Lynn and Blackman as designated legal consultants.
- The board unanimously approved Celeste as a dedicated board member to approve accounts payable and payroll, and approve budget transfers.
- The board designate the two main bulletin boards in town for the purpose of postings.
- The regularly scheduled meetings of the Sandgate School Board will be the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM at the Sandgate Town Hall for the following months, unless otherwise scheduled and posted.

April 2019 - no meeting scheduled
May 2019 - no meeting Scheduled
June 6, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
July - no meeting scheduled
August - no meeting scheduled
September - no meeting scheduled

October - no meeting scheduled
November 7, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
December 5, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
January 9, 2020 @ 5:00 PM
February 2020 - no meeting scheduled
March 12, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

- The board reviewed and recognized the Code of Ethics as presented.
- The board also agreed to use Robert's Rules for small boards.

Approval of Minutes

Celeste made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 16 meeting as read.

Public Questions and Comments

There was no public in attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Action item - to adopt the Travel & Conference Policy

Celeste made the motion to adopt the Travel & Conference Policy as presented and read;

Jeanne seconded the motion. All in favor.

Other Business

There was no other business brought before the board.

Next Meeting(s)

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

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Allan Tschorn

Clerk, Sandgate School District

**Joint Meeting of the
Arlington School District & the Sandgate School District
Board of Directors**

Meeting Minutes ~ Thursday, November 1, 2018 ~ 5:30 PM ~ AMHS Library

Board members present at this meeting for Arlington were Nicole Whalen, Matt Bykowski, Bob Zink, Jeff Tilley and Todd Wilkins. Board members present for Sandgate were Allan Tschorn and Celeste Keel.

BVSU Administration in attendance included Superintendent Bill Bazyk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by ASD Board Chair Nicole Whalen.

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Purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss to recent recommendation and probable vote on November 15 to redraw the SVSU boundaries to include Arlington & Sandgate.

Nicole led a nice overview of where the districts have been in navigating the course of Act 46 and a review of the section 9 report that was submitted. (Each district submitted their own section 9 report.)

Summary of the conversation was that the boards would prepare a joint letter to the State Board of Education (SBE) and Secretary French asking for a 6 month pause in the vote to redraw the SU district boundaries pending some kind of study and / or financial analysis of the merger.

The overwhelming consensus with both boards that this was a hasty decision with very little knowledge or understanding of how this would exactly impact - not only the Arlington and Sandgate Districts - but the member districts of the SVSU as well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tschorn
Clerk, Sandgate School District

Sandgate School District Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes ~ Thursday, October 11, 2018 ~ 5:00 PM ~ Sandgate Town Hall

Board members present at this meeting were Jeanne Zoppel and Allan Tschorn and Celeste Keel
BVSU Administration in attendance included Superintendent Bill Bazyk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Chair Jeanne Zoppel and BVSU was invited to join the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Last meeting was a special meeting on May 2 at AMHS. Minutes tabled until later meeting.
There was no Sandgate School District meeting in June, July, August or September of this year.

Public Questions and Comments

There was no audience in attendance.

Business Manager's Report

There were no warrants to be reviewed or processed at this meeting.

Special Education Director's Report

None

Superintendent's Report

End of last year (FY2018) wrap up

- there is a new business manager in the BVSU office,
- review of financial sheets from last year is ongoing, and
- looks like there will be about a \$12,000 deficit in last year's budget.

Review of FY2019 tuition students list. There are some tuition agreements / residency verifications still needed on a few students.

Current year's budget appears to have over budgeted tuition as some students have left the district . If the current model of students and budget plays out to the end of the year, the district could have a substantial budget surplus - somewhere around \$200,000.

The timeline was discussed / reviewed for the 2020 budget process.

The first reading of the bus idling policy was read. Motion to accept first reading as read with no amendments was made by Celeste and seconded by Jeanne. All members in favor of first reading.

State Board of Education meeting briefly discussed. A (forced) merger of Sandgate, Stratton, Winhall and / or Searsburg does not seem viable nor practical at this time.

Other Business

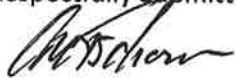
A brief discussion about planning for the holiday party was held.

Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday, November 13

Tuesday, December 11

Respectfully Submitted,

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Allan Tschorn

Clerk, Sandgate School District

Sandgate School District Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes ~ Tuesday, March 20, 2018 ~ 5:00 PM ~ Sandgate Town Hall

Board members present at this meeting were Allan Tschorn and Celeste Keel
BVSU Administration in attendance included Superintendent Bill Bazyk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM by Superintendant Bill Bazyk. The first order of business is to reorganize the board post annual meeting & election of board members.

Bill asked for nominations for board chair.

- Celeste nominated Jeanne to serve as board chair. Jeanne was unanimously approved (voted) as board chair.
- In Jeanne's absence, Bill asked for nominations for board vice-chair. Allan nominated Celeste as vice chair of the board. Celeste was unanimously approved as board vice chair. Celeste then assumed her job as vice-chair.
- Celeste asked for nominations for board clerk. Allan nominated Allan as board clerk. Allan was unanimously approved as board clerk.
- Celeste requested nominations for BVSU representative. Allan nominated Celeste as BVSU representative.
- Allan nominated Jeanne as 1st alternate BVSU representative.
- Celeste nominated Allan as 2nd BVSU representative. All nominations for BVSU representative were unanimously approved.
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- The board also agreed to use Robert's Rules for small boards.

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made by Celeste to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting. There was no board meeting in February.

Public Questions and Comments

There was no audience.

Business Manager's Report

Warrant # 1804 in the amount of \$354,489.40 for tuition and SU assessment was approved for payment.

Warrant # 1805 in the amount of \$102,543.64 for tuition was approved for payment.

Special Education Director's Report

Superintendent's Report

The second reading of the Capitalization and Conflict of Interest policies was held. There were no amendments and no discussion.

The section 9 report to be submitted to the SBE was reviewed. Discussion of possible merger with other districts was briefly reviewed and discussed. The board sees no clear path to compliance with the merger component of Act 46.

Other Business

Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, May 8

Tuesday, June 12

Typically meetings are not held in July & August

Tuesday, Sept 11

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tschorn

Clerk, Sandgate School District

Sandgate School District Board of Directors

Special Meeting Minutes ~ Wednesday, May 2, 2018 ~ 5:00 PM ~ AMHS Library

Board members present at this meeting were Jeanne Zoppel and Allan Tschorn and Celeste Keel
BVSU Administration in attendance included Superintendent Bill Bazyk.

Audience in attendance: Polly Stone, Todd Wilkins

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Board Chair Jeanne Zoppel and BVSU was invited to join the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved at this special meeting. There was no meeting of the board in April 2018.

Public Questions and Comments

There were no public questions or comments.

Superintendent's Report

Action Item: finalize Sandgate follow up / next steps with AOE regarding Act46 / Section 9 report. The board approved an addendum to the section 9 report requesting to be realigned with the BRSU around 2020 to give that SU a chance to settle the merger of the Taconic & Green districts. Additionally, the board would request that there not be a forced merger with Winhall due to current tax rate implications.

Action Item: Adoption of Capitalization and Conflict of Interest Policies. The motion to adopt those policies was made by Celeste, seconded by Jeanne. The board was unanimous on the adoption of the policies.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting(s)

To be determined.

Adjourned meeting at 5:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Tschorn
Clerk, Sandgate School District