

ALBANY SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 14, 2020
MINUTES

Present remotely were Joe Ferris, Tim Sorgi, Jeanette West, Lilli Gilligan, Jim Hill, Pam Stimpson and Kevin Richard.

Present remotely from the public were Rick Hiland, Chuck Merrow and Anne Merrow.

The Albany School Board is holding an emergency meeting pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8 and Emergency Order #12, Section 3 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a quorum of the public body is not physically present).

1. Joe Ferris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Reorganization of Board
 - A. Election of Chairperson – **Joe Ferris moved to elect Tim Sorgi as Chair. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
 - B. Election of Vice-chairperson – **Joe Ferris moved to elect Joe Ferris as Vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
 - C. Set Meeting Dates and Times – The Board will meet on the second Tuesday of every other month at 5:30 p.m. at the Albany Town Hall.
3. Approval of Minutes (2-11-20) – **Joe Ferris moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Jeanette West and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
4. Comments
 - A. Public – none
 - B. Board Member - none
5. Signing of Checks and Manifest – Tim Sorgi asked for an explanation. Pam Stimpson explained that service delivery of special education students is still going on. Jim Hill gave an explanation of the transportation contract and Albany’s obligation to pay.

6. Business Affairs

- A. Attendance at Meetings – Joe (2), Tim (2) and Jeanette (1)
- B. Consider Correspondence to Albany Board of Selectmen – Kevin Richard explained that the money is all Albany money, but due to COVID-19 the request was to move money from the Town of Albany to the School District of Albany to ensure the school district could pay bills in a timely and efficient manner. It was decided that the correspondence will not be sent.
- C. FYI – Audit Letter – The letter from the auditors was mailed with the agenda.

7. Superintendent’s Report

- COVID-19 Update – Mr. Richard updated the board.

8. Any Other Business

- A. Set Date for Next Meeting – The next meeting will be on June 9th at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy DAF (Administration of Federal Grant Funds) – **Joe Ferris moved to adopt policy DAF. The motion was seconded by Jeanette West and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
- C. Adoption of Policies – **Joe Ferris moved to open Policies and vote on them individually. The motion was seconded by Jeanette West and passed by a unanimous roll call vote:** Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
 - 1. AC (Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity) - Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
 - 2. ACAA/JBAA (Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students) - Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.
 - 3. ACAA-R/JBAA-R (Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure) - Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.

4. Guidelines for Processing Requests for Reasonable Modifications to Policies, Practices or Procedures for Individuals with Disabilities - Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.

D. Appointment of Representative to Cooperative School District Planning Committee – No action was taken at this time. This item will be taken up at the next meeting.

9. Public Comments – Jeanette West provided a perspective on COVID-19. **Jeannette West discussed SB 8 and would like to have a legal opinion regarding the issue.**
10. **Joe Ferris moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tim Sorgi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote at 7:22 p.m.** Jeanette West – Yes, Tim Sorgi – Yes and Joe Ferris – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Richard
Superintendent of Schools