Windham Elementary School Board Meeting

Date: June 8th 2020

**Present:** Antje Rupert, Beth McDonald, Russ Cumming, Mickey Parker-Jennings, William Anton, Carolyn Partridge, Heath Boyer, Mary Boyer, Tom Widger, Laurie Garland, Bill Dunkel, Pat Cherry, Keith Jungermann, Samantha Ruggles, Ron Smith, Cathy Markavich, Dave Osborne, and Erin Kehoe,

**Call to Order:** 4:19 pm

**Minutes:**  Minutes approved with modifications, Russ moved, Antje 2nd, motion passed.

**Bills and Pay Orders:** Beth moved to approve #’s 29-41, Antje 2nd, motion passed.

**Members of the Public:** Carolyn mentioned that HB 959 passed. Noteworthy was the change in the property and income yields for this 2020 tax year. The property yield increased from $10,684 to $10,998, while the income yield increased from $13,396 to $13,535. The non-homestead tax rate was set at $1.628 per $100 of assessed value. The increase in these yield amounts has the effect of a modest decrease in the tax calculation formulas.

**Principal’s report:** May be found on the Windham Town Web site www.townofwindhamvt.com under School Board, subtitle, minutes and reports.

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**Budget:**  Budget discussion was slated for the informational meeting to follow.

**New Business:** The School Audit by RHR Smith & Company was reviewed in detail with many questions answered. Beth motioned to approve, Russ 2nd, motion passed. The Board decided not to adopt a tuition policy for FY 20-21. There will not be a July School Board meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on August 3rd unless changed.

**Other Business:**  WES Graduation is set for Saturday June 13th. It will be held outside on the school property following guidelines outlined in a recent email from Sara Wunderle to parents and interested parties. Sally Newton is retiring at the close of this school year. Her long and much appreciated service to the WES will be recognized at the graduation event.

**Meeting recessed:**  5:05 pm

**Meeting resumed:**  5:10 pm

Laurie Garland of WCSU reviewed the revised WES budget for the FY 20-21. Assuming the budget passes the June 10th town wide Australian ballot vote, the anticipated homestead tax rate will be about $1.76 per $100 of assessed value. The non-homestead tax rate will be $1.628 per $100 of assessed value. There were no questions offered.

**Adjourn:** 5:27pm, moved by Russ, 2nd by Beth.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Cumming, Clerk