

**MINUTES OF  
WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT AREA SCHOOLS  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2019**

**LYNN MERVYN, SECRETARY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

President Prescott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Horn, Mason, Mervyn, Reeve, Prescott, Wilson

Absent: Phinney

Motion by Mason, support by Wilson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2019 as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Mervyn, to make the following changes to the agenda; under VI. Accounts Payable – General Fund change to \$135,593.83 and approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Wilson, support by Horn, to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$135,539.83.

Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

There was no Citizen's Recognition, agenda items only.

During presentation's Sandy Wilson reported a transportation committee meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. this evening to discuss transportation repair budget, driver shortage, and the mobile bus app.

During old business, Mr. Perrera entertained questions concerning the board goals. Mr. Reeve and Mrs. Mervyn stated the goals were not specific enough on curriculum. Mr. Perrera said he would work on the goals and report to the board.

There was no board correspondence to report.

During new business discussion items, Superintendent Perrera presented a new sub pay proposal for the board to review.

Motion by Reeve, support by Wilson, to accept the letter of retirement from custodian, Donna Roby. Roll Call Vote: Horn; Aye, Mason; Aye, Mervyn; Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Wilson; Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Reeve, support by Mason, to accept the letter of retirement from bus driver, Jeff Gordon. Roll Call Vote: Mason; Aye, Mervyn; Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Wilson; Aye, Horn; Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Reeve, support by Wilson, to approve hiring bus driver, John Pepler. Roll Call Vote: Prescott; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Wilson: Aye, Horn: Aye, Mason: Aye, Mervyn: Aye, Phinney: Absent. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Mervyn, to approve the hiring bus driver, Janet Reeve. Roll Call Vote: Reeve: Abstain, Wilson: Aye, Horn: Aye, Mason: Aye, Mervyn: Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott: Aye. Ayes: Five, Nays: None, Abstain: One. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Reeve, support by Mervyn, to approve extending medical leave until semester for Amy Kirby. Roll Call Vote: Wilson; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott; Aye, Mervyn; Aye, Mason; Aye, Horn; Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Reeve, support by Wilson, to accept the second reading of the Neola board policy updates. Roll Call Vote: Horn; Aye, Mason; Aye, Mervyn; Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Wilson; Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passes 6-0.

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Motion by Mason, support by Mervyn, to table the board goals until January. Roll Call Vote: Wilson; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Prescott; Aye, Phinney: Absent, Mervyn; Aye, Mason; Aye, Horn; Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passes 6-0.

Superintendent Perrera updated the board on student count, the state budget, tutoring during the holiday break and the board elections in January.

Mrs. Miller shared the Ogemaw Herald have a nice two page article on the CTE Ag Tech program and updated the board on the activities at the JSH such as the honor roll ice cream treat, after school activities, NWEA testing, French class field trip, the music program and many more.

Mr. Miller updated the board on the activities at the Elementary building including the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, NWEA testing, MEMSPA training and the Holiday Family Fun night and Music program.

Mrs. Mervyn was unable to attend the board meeting to give the athletic program updates.

During board comments, Mr. Reeve inquired about the transportation handbook and the building handbook not in alignment.

Mrs. Fegan updated the board on the IRESA programs such as literacy coaches, progress on the new building, and the alternative and community education programs.

During citizens' recognition, Ms. Hockersmith commented the transportation and building handbooks were aligned at one time. Mr. Belleville shared the success of his son, who is now a mechanical engineer and a former student of WPAS stating the district does give students an opportunity to succeed.

Motion by Reeve, support by Mason, to go into closed session for the purpose of Attorney Client Communication/WPEA Personnel at 7:55 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Horn; Aye, Mason; Aye, Mervyn; Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott; Aye, Reeve; Aye, Wilson; Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Board came back in session at 9:13 p.m.

Motion by Mason, Support by Reeve, to rescind motion to approve Item V Agenda. and make the following change to the agenda; under XI; add B. Administration Office Additional Person and under XII. Action Items, add H. Approve Hiring Third Person Administration Office. Roll Call Vote: Horn: Aye, Mason: Aye, Mervyn: Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott: Aye, Reeve: Aye, Wilson: Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

The board discussed the need to hire a part time person in the administrative office and President Prescott reminded the board of their role as a school board member.

Motion by Mason, Support by Reeve to hire a part time person in the administrative office. Roll Call Vote: Horn: Aye, Mason: Aye, Mervyn: Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott: Aye, Reeve: Aye, Wilson: Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mason, support by Reeve, to go into closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation at 9:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Mason; Aye, Mervyn: Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott: Aye, Reeve: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Horn: Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

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Board came back in session at 10:48 p.m.

Motion by Mason, support by Reeve, to give the superintendent a 73% on his evaluation. Roll Call Vote: Horn: Aye, Mason: Aye, Mervyn: Aye, Phinney: Absent, Prescott: Aye, Reeve: Aye, Wilson: Aye. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

President Prescott declared the agenda complete and adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lynn Mervyn, Secretary