

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellington, Connecticut

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

The Communications Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the School Administration Building.

Attendees:

Administrative Team Members: Dr. Scott Nicol, Mr. Greenleaf, Mr. Mark Wursthorn

Board of Education Committee Members: Ms. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Mr. Dan Keune, Ms. Picard-Wambolt

Not Present: Dr. McGurk

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Ms. Kiff-Judson.

Agenda Items:

Citizens and Staff Forum

- There were no comments from the public.

Discussion Items:

Budget 2017-2018

- Dr. Nicol discussed his article for Ellington Events, which should be mailed on or about May 8.
- Mr. Greenleaf reviewed the latest budget documents prepared by the town.
- The group discussed transportation consortium, which has cost increases to driver pay and benefits as well as no longer allowing a provision for use of older buses.
- Given the current budget climate at the state, it appears likely that the proposed Board of Education budget (that has already been cut by the Board of Education) may be cut again.
- The committee reviewed the budget timeline for this year and discussed potential options for encouraging public involvement.
- Ms. Picard-Wambolt is working on painting budget signs by May 8.

General School District Promotion

- This item was not discussed.

Action Items

- There were no action items.

Old Business/New Business

- Mr. Keune gave an update on the Ellington Friends of Education Award. He is working on locating recipients for a presentation at the May Board of Education meeting.

Adjournment

- The next committee meeting will take place at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Regular committee meetings are generally scheduled on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM in the administration building.
- Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM.
 - 1st: Ms. Picard-Wambolt 2nd: Dan Keune, Vote: Unanimously approved.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Tracey Kiff-Judson, Communications Committee Chairperson