

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
February 15th, 2017

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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 15th, 2017**

Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Committee members present included Paul Kelley, Chairman; Tina Gulley and Gail Nichols.

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Mrs. Laura Abel, School Superintendent and members of the School Board Staff.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

January 18th 2017

Mrs. Nichols made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. Middle School Students Presentation

Mr. Nate Leach, Middle School Principal advised that Reese Kirkland and Nicholas Serles are 6th graders from the Genius Hour that will provide a hands on demonstration with Ozobots. Ozobot is an education program that teaches students computer programming using Scratch, a modern language for Java Script.

Mrs. Abel advised that Computer Programming is a needed skill and there are plans to extend this program into the High school.

IV. WPHS Character Development

Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Lane presented the attached Building Character through Volunteer of Service report that contained nine examples of Volunteer Service that high school students have precipitated in during the current school year. This program is not complete, there are some other programs scheduled this year for the local Food Bank and United Way.

V. 10 Point Grading Scale

Dr. David Daniel stated that the School Board has adopted the 10 Point Grading Scale that will go into effect in the fall of 2017. This would be for 6th grade through 12th grade, this scale is used by Colleges, so the grading scale will assist students with the transition of College.

VI. Future Ready Partnership Summit

Dr. David Daniel advised that the Schools have scheduled a Future Ready Partnership Summit for March 7th 2017, local business owners and professionals have been invited to work together to provide information about various jobs and occupations.

VII. FY 2017-18 School Budget

Mrs. Abel advised that the School Board is waiting to see what the State is going to adopt for the budget, once the State adopts the budget we will know what the school budget will be.

Mr. Edwards advised that the Joint Town Council, School Board Work Session will be on March 7th 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the School Board Office.

VIII. General Information

1. School Lunch Program

Paul Kelley, asked what the situation is like in West Point Schools for students that have not been able to pay for lunch.

Mrs. Abel stated that the policy is that no student goes hungry. If we can, we get students on the free or reduced breakfast. A Second Chance breakfast has been introduced, if a student misses the first breakfast, there is a lot of grab and go items that are healthy. The second breakfast has been very successful.

Mrs. Gulley advised that with regard to free breakfast, the older a child gets the less likely the family are to fill out the paperwork. The cafeteria manager is trying to give families more time to fill out the paperwork.

Dr. Daniel advised that the cafeteria workers make sure that no student goes hungry.

2. Senate Bill 795

Mr. Edwards advised that SB795 would require the Town and the Schools to post their check register online with the payment amount and payee, this would be so much extra work and take a lot of time to do the posting. Mr. Edwards also stated that he called Delegate Hodges to voice his objection to SB 795.

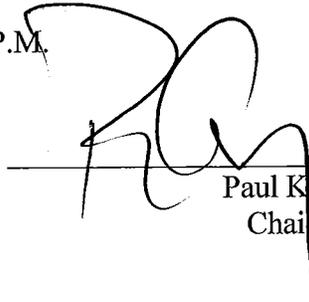
IX. Town Council Agenda

There are no agenda items for the Town Council Agenda.

X. Next Meeting Date: February 15th, 2017

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.



Paul Kelley
Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk