

# THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 8, 2024

Thetford Elementary School

## Draft Minutes

### PRESENT:

**School board:** Mary Chin, Nic Cook, Stephanie Hareld, Jeff Jamele. Lexi Sargent

**Administration:** Caitlyn Toleno

**OESU:** Randy Gawel

**Meeting called to order by Cook at 6:02 pm**

### Board Business-

**a) Agenda Review/Approval** Motion to approve (Jamele/Cook) Unanimous

**b) Approve Minutes:**

- “Move to go into executive session to discuss a 30 year employment incentive, under the provision of title 1, Section 313-A3 of Vermont Statute-evaluation of employment. (Jamele/Chin). Unanimous” should have read **“The following discussion regarding a 30 year employment incentive, under the provision of title 1, Section 313-A3 of Vermont Statute-evaluation of employment should be held in executive session. (Jamele/Chin). Unanimous**
- Hareld’s name was also misspelled in the same section.
- Minutes approved as amended (Chin/Hareld). Unanimous.

**c) Review Orders**

Everything is looking fine.

**d) Correspondence**

- Harry from “Two Rivers” EV charging station sent a message.
- Rebecca Holcolme offered to help with and offer support during budget discussions
- Cindy Perry sent correspondence
- Ben and Kelly from the printing company contacted Cook re: Annual school report

**Public Comment:** None

### Reports

**A. Principal’s Report- Toleno**

**Principal Report October 8 , 2024**

- **Staffing Update**

Current Openings:

Custodial

Paraprofessional

- **Upcoming Events**

- \*Thursday, October 10- Open House
- \*Friday, October 11- No school for students
- \*Friday, October 18- Hike for Hunger
- \*K-2 visit to the fire department
- \*Thursday, October 24- CLiF kick off assembly
- \*Ongoing: State Representatives and other government officials will be visiting 5/6 classrooms

- **VTCAP ELA Results Spring 2024**

Grade	TES	State
3	36%	48%
4	57%	54%
5	73%	50%
6	70%	56%

- **VTCAP Math Results**

Grade	TES	State
3	28%	36%
4	21%	30%
5	50%	36%
6	52%	47%

- **VTCAP Science**

5	TES 64%	STATE 43%
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- **Next Board Meeting**

Focus on STAR data across grade levels

## **B. TA Updates- Jamele**

- Regional Tech Centers enrollment has grown tremendously as of late.
- Enrollment update shows that numbers are actually up to 321 while the projected was only 311 which of course bodes well for the coming year.
- One caveat to this number is that there is also an increase in sending students to Regional Tech centers, thus the full tuition is not realized with these students.
- Some additional discussions surrounding Thetford representation at the school relative to other sending towns in that the numbers have been trending downward

(as part of a statewide trend really), but highlighted the importance of engaging sending towns and upping recruitment efforts.

### **C. OESU Update**

OESU board will be meeting quarterly, but committees will meet more often:

Board Policy and Procedure Committee- **Chin**

Board Strategic Planning

Student Services and Curriculum- **Hareld**

Budget Finance Committee- **Cook**

Human Resources and Finance

### **Policy Committee Update**

- OESU policy committee will try to drive the individual policies.
- Designation exemption hasn't been looked at in a long time, which is very much a TES policy.
- VSBA has resolutions- homestead tax and phones.
- Ianello shared an organized policy
- Darren Krauss is also interested in policies and a numbers guy.
- TBD on the next meeting

### **Thetford Academy/Thetford Town School District Agreement Review**

- Always encouraged to go to each others board meetings, there was a change in language
- Dates need to be changed 2024-2029 school year
- Move to empower Cook to sign the agreement with the changes discussed. (Hareld/Chin) Unanimous.

Chin reported that the next five Sundays there will be an afternoons book discussion on the book "Kids Brains and Screens"

### **Action Item- Thetford Academy/Thetford Town School District Agreement Board Business-**

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm (Cook/Jamele) Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59p.

### **Minutes Prepared By:**

Ginni Balch, Board Clerk

### **Future Meetings:**

Regular School Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month during the school year.

November 12, 2024      Thetford Town School District Board      6:00 p.m.

*These minutes are not official until they are approved by the School Board.*