**School Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018**

1. No public comment
2. Curriculum and Program Report by George Shea and Elementary World Language Team: Jen Bell, Charlotte Berndtson, Helaine Wemple, Ben Phinny and Jenny Siegel.
   1. Portsmouth Elementary World Language Presentation -Why this program? To improve!Program will start earlier in order to align with development of the brain and acquire language earlier. Higher cognitive ability and math scores, English and target language- also developing culturally aware global citizens, self-confidence, and are not afraid to take risks.
   2. What does the program look like? Focus on Spanish after consideration of other languages, When??? Immersion? FLES? Flex? Dual Language? Or Exploratory?
      1. Decided on FLES- and will need minimum of 75-90 minutes- ideas on how to fit it? Specials- add an additional 5th Unified Arts? Have a teacher come into the classroom for an additional 30 minutes? Also can use software.
      2. Standards are the 5Cs- communities, communication cultures, connections, and comparisons.
      3. Staffing- K-1 rollout in 19-20- will need 2 FTEs; could use and outside source. To expand to k-5 would need 3 FTEs. Language would be on a “cart.”
      4. Questions and answers were all in support of the program.
   3. School Nutrition Report
      1. Dondero new kitchen was exciting and the addition of the salad bar
      2. Styrofoam trays and bowls!! Lots of questions in regards to how to replace- dishwasher is too costly and not convenient at the high school.
      3. Kate Mitchell- read a letter from a student who wanted to harvest the garden.
   4. **Superintendent Reports**
      1. Resolutions – going to review and vote on each one before attending the NHSBA meeting in January
      2. School Board Budget Meeting
      3. School Board Newsletter
      4. Policy minutes
      5. Financial report- all is looking good and following acceptable parameters- costs are a bit high on athletics.
   5. **Old Business** 
      1. Budget needs for facilities – City has extra money due to our excellent credit and have significant funds to perhaps do a better job with security. There are two grants coming in, but they don’t cover it all. Sending a memo to identify the shortage we have and perhaps get approval to do a better job on the security.
   6. **New Business**
      1. Maternity Leave Lauren Zelnick
      2. Equity Policy
      3. JCA- Change of school assignment- best interest of student
      4. Admission and attendance of non-resident students Policy
      5. Admissions of Homeless Students
      6. Preschool committee update – busy working and contacting people in the community – working with housing program to get preschool at Gosling Meadows.
   7. Adjourned!