

**Farmington River Regional School District
Otis/Sandisfield
555 Main Road, Otis MA 01253
School Committee Meeting #402
Monday, June 7, 2021, 7:00PM, via ZOOM**

Community Participation: Susan Ebitz was present to discuss a grant that the Otis Library received that offers to get books and materials for teachers through grade six. Susan will be working with Meaghan Martin to make the process of requesting the appropriate materials easy to order. Susan also was happy that the staff came together as a group to read a text about multicultural diversity. She feels this is a wonderful way to support and teach our kids to become empathetic and diverse learners. The library will be doing a forum a week from Thursday at 7pm at the Otis Library, in which Susan will be sending a flyer to Carol. The forum will be a discussion not a debate and see how the library and other institutions can help in the learning of diversity. All voices are welcome. There is a wonderful summer reading program. The children's librarian is focusing on local authors. Jim Olifinski, Mary Pope Osborne, Barbara Shucation, Jen Bratt, and Ty Jackson are a few of the authors who have participated in the program.

Members Present: Carol Lombardo, Jennifer Hibbins, Deb Fogel, Jess Drenga, Arlene Tolopko, Roger Kohler, and Carl Nett

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Carol Lombardo

Before the meeting started, Carol informed the Committee that from now on a show of hands is not accepted. From now on members have to state their name and state their the way they are voting.

1. **Vote to accept minutes #401.** Arlene Tolopko motioned to accept minutes #401 as submitted. Jessica Drenga second the motion. The motion to accept minutes #401 was unanimously passed as submitted.
2. **Principal/Superintendent updates.** Tom Nadolny started by saying summer school is up and running. There were a few bumps in the road the first couple of days, but they are smoothed out. Teachers are doing a fantastic job and the students seem to be eager to learn and they are having a fun time. This would not have been possible without the great work done without the job done by Jeff Gray and his cleaning crew. In just a month, the crew has cleaned the downstairs and made it ready to go for summer school. They have done a phenomenal job.