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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of August 12, 2013  
Wentworth Elementary School**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Davis, Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier,

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray

**Teachers Present:** none

Mrs. Mack made a motion to open the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** other business add schedule of school board meetings to discuss

**Minutes of June 10, 2013 School Board Meetings:** Correct spelling of Kenyan Karl to Kenyon Karl. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of June 10, 2013, as amended seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** It has been a very busy summer. WES students (5) attended the summer program at Russell Elementary School. From all accounts things went very well for those students in attendance. (2) Students did not attend and one of our students attended the Plymouth Elementary program. Again from all accounts things went well.

We have several new hires this year. The following are names and positions:

Title I Reading Teacher	Ms. Sara Byers
Physical Education	Mrs. Deb. McManus
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Mrs. Erin Guinan
3rd & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade aide	Ms. Shonna Perrio
Kindergarten aide	Mrs. Dorothy Prive
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade aide	Mrs. Barbra Fullerton
Middle School aide	Ms. Kelsey Gadwah

The student / parent handbook has been approved and updated. The following are the changes made:

- \* New Asst. Superintendent Kyla Welch
- \* New Visitor Policy
- \* New student acceptable use policy for technology.  
(parent signature required)

- Added lockdowns to the emergency drills
- Parents right to know qualifications (section 1111(h) (6) (A-C))

A bit of research on student enrollment numbers were done over the summer. The projected enrollment numbers from 2004 – 2005 -2006 were in the 30's. The following (including this year) are:

2006-2007 (54)  
2007-2008 (53)  
2008-2009 (65)  
2009-2010 (58)  
2010-2011 (64) Kindergarten added  
2011-2012 (55)  
2012-2013 (59)  
2013-2014 (63)

The Federal Homeland Security Grant is still a work in progress; Last word was SAU #48 will be receiving \$ 50,000. WES is slated to receive \$3,500, which will be used

to install Panic Switches. As soon as these funds become available the work will be started.

Deb Stuart (Very Special Arts of NH) and I are in the process of writing a similar grant as we did last year to bring artist to the classrooms. The hope is to find out soon if WES will be awarded this grant. Last year's students from WES are featured on a Webinar entitled: "Meeting Behavioral Challenges in Teaching Artist Residencies."

On Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> a few community members, parents, students (including 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and a teacher arrived at the school and spent 2.5 hours spreading woodchips around the playground. It looks great.

This summer, (and during the school year) the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been involved in a "pay it forward outreach project" where by community members make appointments to have work done around their house or other projects. They then make a donation to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for their end of the year class trip. Thus far we have had three requests.

With the help of our school Technology Integrator there will be a new check in / out system in place for laptop computers, iPads and Kindles. The goal is aimed at accountability as well as the acceptable use policy that is in place.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

August 12<sup>th</sup> school board meeting @ 5:00pm

August 22<sup>nd</sup> first day of school

August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup> no school. Labor day weekend

September 20<sup>th</sup> Highland Games grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

October 3<sup>rd</sup> School Picture Day

### **KUDOS'**

To Marlaina, Chloe, Laci, Ryan & Zavier O'Reilly, Isaiah & Rebeka Crane, Carly & Luke Merluzzi, Maria & Richard Young, Nick Gagnon, & Kristi Z. for all their help with the woodchips. A special thank you to Kevin Patten for the use of his tractor.

To Richard Young for all his hard work getting the building ready for the opening of school.

To Eric Young for all his help preparing and helping me paint classroom #4 this summer.

To Maria Young for the extra time she spent at the school sorting out all the supplies and getting them to the teachers as well as all the paperwork for parents on opening day.

To Kevin Patten for the use of his tractor when we did the wood chips. It made the job go a lot faster.

To all the volunteers who help spread the woodchips this summer.

To Isaiah & Rebekah Crane (8<sup>th</sup> grade students) for all your help and support with the “Pay it forward outreach project” we have been working on this summer.

Mr. Charpentier also mentioned PTO Mission Statement Format in effort to revive the organization that maybe a teacher take a lead position and then connect with parents in order to form PTO.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the principal’s report, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

### **Discussion Items-**

- 1. School Safety** - Mr. Davis mentioned the possibility of portable phones for teachers who stay late at school. Also discussed is the option for walkie talkies with charging stations. Labeling the building with metal letters in sections. The board approves the purchase of walkie talkies and letters to label building through available grant money. If grant money runs out then the board authorized the use of funds from the maintenance budget.
- 2. Grant Updates** – Emergency Management Performance Grant Program – made it possible to purchase Panic switches for the school. Title I funds

\$23,000 for salary of Title I reading teacher. Title IV funds available for use on cabinets, of which the board approved.

- 3. Other Business** - Schools that start year on Aug 22, are WES RES, PRHS. When time to review calendar teachers would like to have start date looked at. Future school board meeting dates were discussed and the next meetings will be September 9, 2013, October 21, 2013, November 18, 2013 and December 16, 2013. The full schedule will be updated and reported on the Monthly Agenda.

**Privilege of the Floor – NONE**

**Consent Items –**

1. Claims and payroll signed by the board
2. Correspondence – NONE .

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel at 5:44 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted to return to public session and adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

Wentworth School Board  
Wentworth Elementary School  
Minutes of September 9, 2013

**Board Members Present:** Mrs. Kathleen Mack, Board Chair; Ms. Bernie Sullivan; Mr. Steve Davis

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Keith Charpentier, Principal

**Public Session:** Mrs. Mack motioned to enter public session at 5:07 pm, Mr. Davis seconded. Ms. Sullivan affirmed the motion.

**Public Present:** Officer Kevin Kay, Mrs. Ellie Murray, Mr. Francis Muzzey, Mr. Kenyon Karl, Mrs. Joyce Morrison, Mrs. Phoebe Sanborn, Mrs. Jennifer Kay, Ms. Deb Gelsi, and Mrs. Melisa Farrell

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** None

**Minutes of August 12, 2013 and August 29, 2013:** Ms. Mack motioned to accept the minutes of August 12, 2013 and August 29, 2013 as written; seconded by Mr. Davis. Ms. Sullivan affirmed the motion.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Charpentier distributed a copy of the principal's report to those who were present. It reads as follows:

This school year the students of WES will be involved in several new incentive programs:

- Fabulous Falcons positive behavior program.
- Fly into a great book/literacy program.
- We project. "A picture is worth a 1,000 words".

The opening day of school went very smoothly, children and teachers were happy to be back, and the building and grounds look great.

Coach Dan has returned for another soccer season. Practices have been underway and the Falcons first game is September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The ICS labeling on the school building for emergency issue are near completion, we are waiting for two letters. Also, the air conditioner for the media center has been installed.

Student council nominations & speeches have taken place. The following officers have been elected:

President	Rebekah Crane
Vice President	Carly Merluzzi
Secretary	Sage Haring
Treasurer	Tucker Hill
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep	Gabe Crane
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep	Darren Pratt
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep	Grace Comeau
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep	Isaiah Crane

*Principal's report continued...*

**SAVE THE DATE**

August 30<sup>th</sup>- September 2<sup>nd</sup> No school, Labor day weekend  
September 5<sup>th</sup> School picture day  
September 9<sup>th</sup> Staff meeting @ 3:00pm  
September 9<sup>th</sup> School board meeting  
September 10<sup>th</sup> Open house 6-7pm  
September 20<sup>th</sup> Highland Games grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> AMC overnight trip  
October 14<sup>th</sup> No School Columbus Day

**KUDO'S**

To all the teachers, staff & students for a very nice start to the school year. All of your positive energy has made the difference.

To all the students on their Student Council positions.

End of principal's report.

**Discussion Items:**

- 1. Northeast Resources Recovery Association:** Dr. Gaides reported to the board that she has done research the board requested on the Northeast Resources Recovery Association. Dr. Gaides has found that they are still a fee based organization, not a nonprofit. Dr. Gaides asked the board if they would like her to look into it further. Discussion from the board ensued. Mr. Davis feels that the cost outweighs the environmental and educational benefits. Questions were raised about the tipping fees that the current waste disposal company, Waste Management, charges. Ms. Sullivan asked if the school could look into having someone go to the recycling center in town on a weekly basis. Mr. Karl mentioned that the NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) is a resource that should be looked into as their mission is to handle recycled materials. Mr. Karl suggested that they contact Bonnie Bethune and she should be able to refer the board to the people who will be able to assist in what they are trying to do. Dr. Gaides thanked Mr. Karl for the contact information and will look into that further at the request of the board.
- 2. Other business:** Mr. Charpentier reported that the school is looking into purchasing new radios as the current ones have exceeded their life expectancy. Mr. Charpentier reported that Mr. Francis, Facilities Manager of SAU48, has suggested purchasing them from Ossipee Mountain Electronics. The radio's that they are looking into have different ranges, are cordless and rechargeable. The cost for three would be \$1,135.60 this would include the radios, chargers and set up. Mr. Davis asked what the expected lifespan of the radios are and Mr. Charpentier reported that he was informed they would last approximately two to three years on the battery. Officer Kay was asked what he felt the life expectancy was for those and he agreed that it would be, with average use, two to three years.

Mr. Davis motioned to approve the purchase of the three radios from Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Ms. Mack seconded. Ms. Sullivan voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Charpentier updated the board on the telephones. Mr. Charpentier reported they currently have a dual phone line, one line for incoming calls and one for fax. Mr. Charpentier reported that they have been able to plug in the cordless phone into the fax line and it does work. Mr. Charpentier reported that each classroom has a phone in their classroom. So when teachers are working after hours their families will now be able to reach them in the classrooms. Some concerns from public members were raised that people would be able to call the school during school hours and disrupt the teachers teaching in the classrooms. Mr. Charpentier said that is always a possibility, but since the extensions will not be given to the public it would be unlikely. Mr. Charpentier mentioned that during the school day Mrs. Young is there to answer phones and if she is not the answering system will pick up. Ms. Gelsi also suggested to the school board that they look into a network extender so that in case of an emergency/lock down the teachers would be able to use their cell phones to call out. Ms. Gelsi mentioned that Mrs. Farrell has one and believes that it could be password protected. Mrs. Farrell confirmed that she believes they would be able to be set for passwords and only authorized users would be able to access them. The board said that it may be a good idea to look into that technology and thanked them for the information.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Ms. Gelsi mentioned a safety concerns that she has. Ms. Gelsi questioned whether the board was going to entertain the idea of a webcam feed to Mrs. Young’s desk so that she would be able to see when someone came to the door. Ms. Gelsi also asked whether or not there was going to be a buzzer to allow Mrs. Young to allow people to enter the building. Officer Kay reported that Russell Elementary School spent the summer renovating their security system/office, and has been given good reviews by many. Ms. Sullivan responded that the board is currently looking into more than just a buzzer and a webcam and they will present it when they have the information available.

Mr. Muzzey had 3 questions/comments: 1.) Mr. Muzzey would like to know the rational for having phones in the all the classrooms. Mrs. Mack responded saying that phones in all the classrooms are part of the safety of the children and for the convenience of the staff to receive calls after hours when they are working. Mr. Muzzey responded that he understood and agrees with the phones for the safety of the children, but feels that the phones for the staff are unnecessary. Mrs. Sanborn explained that the staff does not have a teacher’s room, so to make phone calls to parents in a private area after hours when students are not in the room is especially helpful. 2.) Mr. Muzzey mentioned that he felt the minutes are conveniently written by a 2<sup>nd</sup> party and noted that on page 3 of the minutes from August 12, 2013 that there was reference to “Deb Stuart and I are in the process...”. Mr. Muzzey was concerned that it was written in the opinion of the person scribing the minutes. Mrs. Mack explained to Mr. Muzzey that that statement was an extension of the principal’s report. Mr. Muzzey said it wasn’t clear to him that it was a part of the report and that it should have “principal’s report continued” or something to identify that it was a continuation. 3.) Mr. Muzzey asked the board what they have come up with for a solution for continued low test results of the school and senses a failure of the board and school to accept that they exist. Mr. Muzzey feels that it’s an issue he has repeatedly brought to the board and said that nobody has addressed the issue. Mrs. Mack responded to Mr. Muzzey saying that the board feels that they are educating the students, and they are giving the students the best education they can.



Mrs. Morrison asked if the board and administration would be more lenient on the dress code due to the weather this week expecting to be in the 90's. Mrs. Morrison was hoping that the students and teachers would be allowed to have tank tops or something on to make them more comfortable. Mrs. Mack responded saying that they felt the dress code as appropriate, Mr. Davis agreed. No further discussion was held.

Ms. Gelsi brought up a second safety concern. Ms. Gelsi said that she just recently learned that there is a student in school with a peanut allergy and was wondering why parents were not notified so that they don't bring in peanuts. Mr. Charpentier reported that prior to school beginning there was discussion with the parents on the safety concern. Mr. Charpentier reported that the student has their own seat during lunch and that children that wish to sit with the student are aware of the allergy and nobody with food containing peanuts sits at the table. The table is cleaned daily by the kitchen staff with appropriate cleaner and no other students in the school use that table. Ms. Gelsi was concerned that someone else who ate peanut butter would transfer the oils to trigger a potential situation without knowing or meaning to. The board gave a brief discussion on the subject. Mrs. Sanborn, who has the child with the allergy in her classroom, explained that letters were sent home to the parents in her class and that all the children are very conscious on what to bring and not to bring. Mrs. Sanborn said that they are trying to take every precaution for the safety of the student.

**Consent Items:**

- 1. Claims and payroll:** A/P # 8, 9 and 10; P/R # 6
- 2. Correspondence:** Dr. Gaides gave the report for the annual financial report for fiscal year ending 6/30/2013 to the board. Dr. Gaides reported that the unreserved fund balance was \$66,874.74. Mr. Muzzey inquired if a large sum of that balance was from the special education side. Dr. Gaides reported that yes, the excess of Medicaid revenue amount was \$15,357. Dr. Gaides reported that the Capital Reserve Fund balance was \$39,682.67.

Ms. Mack motioned to enter nonpublic for the purpose of personnel at 6:00pm. All who were present were in favor.

Ms. Mack motioned to return to public session at 6:30pm. All who were present were in favor.

Ms. Shonna Perrin was approved as an aide.

Ms. Mack motioned to adjourn at 6:31 pm. All who were present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cheryl Gaiero

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of October 21, 2013  
Wentworth Elementary School**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Davis, Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier,

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray, Joyce Morrison

**Teachers Present:** Nick Gagnon

Mr. Davis made a motion to open the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** Under other business add Audit Engagement letter and to Nonpublic add Personnel.

**Minutes of September 9, 2013 School Board Meetings:** Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes of September 9, 2013, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** This year the students of WES have been involved in several new incentive programs:

\* Fabulous Falcons positive behavior program has already hosted its first round of lunches. It has been nice to share this time with our students.

\* Fly into a great book / literacy challenge is well underway. Our students, teachers and community members have logged over 95,893 pages thus far.

\* A picture is worth a thousand words project has some wonderful pictures of our students "in action" Take a look outside the office.

The soccer season has come to a close. The falcon's final record stands at 2 wins and 8 losses. These athletes showed great teamwork and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

The PTO held it's first fundraiser of the year. It was in support of the Clark family whose son has complications from a kidney transplant this summer. Over 100 meals were served with the total donations of \$1,000. It was a group effort and nice to be a part of.

Grades K – 4 had a fabulous time at the Beans & Greens Farm in Gilford NH. They toured the farm, feed the animals, went through a corn mazes as well as a hay maze and picked pumpkins. Weather was great. They all enjoyed the events.

Grades 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades spent the day at the annual Highland Games Festival in Lincoln NH. This is a wonderful cultural event for our students.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students embarked on their overnight trip to the AMC lodge in Crawford Notch NH. This outdoor classroom experience is something the students look forward to each year. Once again our students represented themselves and this school well. Very proud of them.

The “pay it forward” 8<sup>th</sup> grade community out reach project has been going well. Thus far our students have helped several community members stack firewood, clean up yards, rack and put gardens to rest for the winter. Thus far the 8<sup>th</sup> grade has raised.

\$ 295 towards their class trip and have help our community as well. Very pleased

WES's Annual Can food Drive is underway. The goal is to collect 250 non- perishable food items during the months of October and November. If the school (and they have each year) meets the challenge they will receive a pizza party for their efforts.

NECAP testing is now complete. Our teachers did a very nice job preparing their students for this assessment and our students put a lot of energy and hard work into taking them. We will receive the results some time in spring. Nice job everyone.

The Federal Homeland Security Grant is still a “work in progress”; last word was SAU #48 will be receiving \$ 50,000. WES is slated to receive\$3,500, which will be used to install Panic Switches. Once these funds are released the work will be done.

WES received \$ 1,500 in an Artist in Residency Grant, the school needs to come up with \$120 in a matching funds. This grant from the Kennedy Center is placing artist in seven schools around New Hampshire. Wentworth is very fortunate to receive this grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> AMC overnight fieldtrip

October 14th No School Columbus day

October 15th PTO meeting 6:00 pm

October 19th Fundraiser for Clark family 5:00 – 7:00 pm

October 21st School Board meeting 5:00 pm

October 26th Grades 6th – 8th chorus perform @ the Verizon Center 3:00 pm

October 30th Tour of Grafton County House of Corrections 8th grade

November 11th No school Veterans Day

November 15th 1st trimester ends

November 16th PTO dime a dip supper

November 21st Thanksgiving lunch

November 22nd Report cards go home

November 27th ½ day 28th & 29th no school Thanksgiving Break.

## **KUDOS'**

To the students, teachers and staff for all their efforts during NECAP testing.

To all the people who help make The Clark fundraiser a success.

Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

## **Discussion Items-**

- 1. Concussion Policy** - Dr. Gaides announced that the SAU is adopting a concussion Policy. Mr. Davis would like to table the idea until next month in order get some public input. Steve noted that coach must complete training in this area before able to be coach. Ask Dr. Gaides to bring other policies next month. Mrs. Mack asked about how parents will be informed. Discussion will take place next month.

**2. Field Trip Policy** –Policy already in place approve 10-21-02. Missing from this policy is arrangement for financing prior to trip and approval by board for overnight stays. Steve noted that the policy does not require background check for participants. The Board would like added to the policy “All participants must pass a background check at the school district’s expense.”

**3. Other Business - Audit Engagement Letter** – Grzylak Accountants have been doing auditing for many years . The fee for past year for the audit was \$ 4, 000. The fee for the next three years would remain the same. Mrs. Sullivan made a motion to agree to the engagement letter, seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

Motion to authorize chairman to sign contract for transportation contract of special education pre-school student.

**Privilege of the Floor – NONE**

**Consent Items –**

1. Claims and payroll signed by the board
2. Correspondence – NONE .

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel at 5:33 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted to return to public session and adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

The board voted to end public session and adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Gaides will record any action taken after non public session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of November 18, 2013  
Wentworth Elementary School**

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack, Steve Davis

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier,

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey

**Teachers Present:** Phoebe Sanborn

Mrs. Mack made a motion to open the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** Nothing added or deleted

**Minutes of September 12, 2013 October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, October 10, 2013, October 21, 2013 School Board Meetings:** Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of September 12, 2013, October 3, 2013, October 10, 2013 and October 21, 2013 seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

## **Principal's Report-**

\* Fabulous Falcons positive behavior program has hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> round of lunches. It has been nice to share this time with our students.

\* Fly into a great book / literacy challenge is well underway. Our students, teachers and community members have logged over 104, 063 pages thus far.

The PTO continues to hold its monthly meeting although a small group they are motivated to continue. We have another supper planned for this Saturday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

WES's Annual Can food Drive is underway. The goal is to collect 250 non- perishable food items during the months of October and November. If the school (and they have each year) meets the challenge they will receive a pizza party for their efforts. Thus far we have over 191 items to donate.

Basketball practice starts on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>. These years coaching staff will be Nick Gagnon for the boy's team and Christine Crane for the girls. First game is December 5<sup>th</sup>. Go Falcons.

I am pleased to report that the Title II grant (\$4000) that was written in early Aug. has been confirmed. These funds will be utilized for a cooling system in the Server Room and Computer Lab. It has been a long time in coming but happy it is going to happen.

On Friday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the first Stand up to Bulling Conference held at UNH. 3,300 students from around the state were involved in this program. This conference was on the heels of a visit to the Grafton County House of Corrections where our students took part in Operation Impact dealing with results of poor choices, Both these programs were designed to enhance our students understanding of the realities of the society they live in and will grow up in. I am very proud of how our students conducted themselves while on these trips.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

November 11th No school Veterans Day

November 15th 1st trimester ends

November 21st Thanksgiving lunch

November 22nd Report cards go home

November 23th PTO dime a dip supper

November 27th ½ day 28th & 29th no school Thanksgiving Break.

December 16th Holiday concert 6:00 pm

December 23rd – January 1st No school

## **KUDOS'**

To the Pythian Sister of Warren for their ongoing support of our school and it's families.

To the Student council and their advisers for both movie night and the Halloween dance. Nice job.

To John Emery Wentworth road agent for the time he spent filling in and grading the school parking lot.

To Marc Rondeau for the School board web page. It looks great.

To Dr. Ethel Gaides for all her hard work on draft one of the budget.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

## **Discussion Items-**

- 1. 2014-2015 Budget -** Draft One discussion and proposed Warrant Article discussion. Further discussion at next meeting.
- 2. Concussion Policy –** SAU will provide training. Motion from Mr. Davis to accept the policy as read, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Mrs. Mack raised the question to include an amount of time that the nurse has to make notification. After discussion the motion remains, seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- 3. Field Trip Policy –** After discussion item 4 will be stricken from the policy. After discussion of # 2 as to consideration would be to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip Another discussion was to wether or not to include medical information for students to be brought along with any field trip. And having a least one staff member who is first aide, CPR and EAD trained, as this is also a law. A third reading will take place next meeting.
- 4. Ratify Proposed Agreement between Wentworth School District and the Wentworth Education Association 2014-2016.** Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the Agreement between Wentworth School District and the Wentworth Education Association 2014-2016, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous



Motion to accept the Special Education Transportation Contract, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Privilege of the Floor** – Mr. Muzzey asked for the anticipated price of medical coverage plans..... A single person plan is \$9,637.56, a two person plan is \$19,275.12, and a family plan is \$26,021.40 .

**Consent Items –**

1. Claims and payroll signed by the board
2. Correspondence – school board received invitation to thanksgiving dinner .

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted to return to public session and adjourn at 6:45 p.m.  
No actions was taken in non public session

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

# Unofficial

**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of December 23, 2013  
Wentworth Elementary School**

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack, Steve Davis

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier, Jon Francis

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Joyce Morrison, Ed Crane

**Teachers Present:** None

Mrs. Sullivan made a motion to open the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

Building Walk Through- Jon Francis – First offered overview:

Starting in the main office will be the installation of panic switches which will provide 2services at the same time. First being automatic announcement over the pa system That the building is in lockdown. Second the system will dial out to authorities with notification that the building is in trouble.

Mr. Davis asked if the system is defeatable, ie; by cutting wires. Mr. Francis responded stating that it could be possible.

Mr. Francis added that the a request by the police is to add back gym door to the fob system.

Mr. Francis also informed the public as to adding a camera system which would be IP camera with 10 total cameras and digital recorder.

Additional in Room 4, the final room to complete renovations, to change the ceiling tile and insulation, new lighting and then discussion as to building a collapsible stairway for entry to the ceiling.

Discussion ensued as to the air ventilation in the classrooms, re; dust from outside. It was determined that the filters will be cleaned or replaced. Also mentioned was the cooling issue in the server room. This has been taken care of.

Mr. Charpentier share classroom safety for each classroom that includes evacuation plan, flip chart, pulled down shades, emergency bucket fill with first aid supplies. And also noted that there is now a walkie talkie system in place and the building is labeled for incident command system and working on floor plan with homeland security.

**Walk through-** first room – Front office in Secretary area where there will be a panic switch installed and then the principal's office another switch to be installed. This area will also have a camera installed.

Next at the inside front doors at the inner lobby area another camera to be installed facing toward the gym and one in the outer lobby area watching the front door. Additional cameras to be installed on the front corner on the Route 25 side of the building watching front of building and toward the gym. Cameras will also be placed on the playground front corner side of the building watching the playground and behind the building.

Next stop was at the nurse's office where the 3<sup>rd</sup> panic switch will be installed.

At the gym another security camera will be installed watching across the gym including the stands. Outside of the gym will be the next camera facing toward Route 25. The gable end back door of the gym will be add to the key fob system. Possible another camera outside of the gym at the hall facing the kindergarten area. Mr. Davis asked if another would be place on the outside of the gym to facing back side of school. Mr. Francis indicated that the system allows the addition of cameras as needed. Mr. Fancis noted that the new IP camera are much more advance than analog cameras. Using the system with monitors you can watch as things are happening. Question of maintenance came and it is usually a yearly cleaning of cameras and checking of dvr's, not a lot of maintenance involved.

Last room was Room 4- this is final room for completion of renovations for the ceiling and insulation and lighting. Discussion of possible collapsible maintenance stairs and where best location would be.

Mr. Davis made a motion to add to the Warrant Article the amounts of \$1,995.97 and \$23,772.90 for student safety and building security, for a total of \$25,768.87. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. All were in favor.

Mr. Davis made a motion to add to the Warrant Article the amount of \$9,607.00 for energy improvement for classroom 4. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. All were in favor.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** Non- Public – Student issue- Request to move nonpublic to next on the agenda. Additional nonpublic at closed of public session.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn public session and enter into non-public at 5:50 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

The board reentered public session at 6:08 PM . No decisions were made.

**Minutes of November 18, 2013 School Board Meetings:** Remove (when delivered) from 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph on page 2. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2013, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** \* Fabulous Falcons positive behavior program has hosted its 4th round of lunches. These lunches are a great opportunity to connect with the students.

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## **KUDOS:**

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## **Discussion Items-**

- 1. 2014-2015 Budget -** Review of Draft Three. Further discussion at next meeting.
- 2. Other Business-** February 10, 2014 Budget hearing will follow the 5:00 pm school board meeting. The meeting will be March 8, 2014. After discussion of the January 21, 2014 special election the board decided to have additional officer present on this day. Mr. Charpentier shared the new 2 inductees to the National Technology Honor Society Ceremony held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> were Christopher Comeau and Katelyn Heath, and also noted that Jessica Toomey is currently in the NTHS and the guest speaker at the Ceremony was Ethan Clark. Mr. Charpentier added that for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip the 2011/2012 class had raised \$1,949.13 and the class of 2013/2014 is at \$1,752.63 stating that the current class is on track. The class is working on more fund raising and is looking into having a student/staff basketball game. The Community Outreach Program has currently raised nearly \$500 and hoping for some need of shoveling during the winter season. Also applied for a grant of \$1,000 that will hopefully come in to help with the trip.

**Privilege of the Floor** – Joyce Morrison asked if anyone had considered paving the parking lot to help with the dust in the classrooms. Ms. Sullivan believes from Mr. Francis that the dust issue is from the filters and not parking lot and will start with the change of the filters.

**Consent Items –**

1. Claims and payroll signed by the board
2. Correspondence – Management Representation yearly letter stating no events have occurred, including non-compliance. It was a clean audit.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted to return to public session and adjourn at 7:10 p.m.  
No actions was taken during non public session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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School Board Secretary

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of January 20, 2014  
Wentworth Elementary School**

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**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier,

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Joyce Morrison, Edward Crane, Kevin Kay,  
Joe King

**Teachers Present:** Erin Guinan

Mrs. Mack made a motion to open the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** add Non- Public – Student issue-

**Minutes of December 23, 2013 School Board Meetings:** Strike detail of walk-through of proposed security system. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes, of December 23, 2013, as amended, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

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## **Discussion Items-**

- 1. Safety Committee** - Currently has two faculty members who have volunteered their time. The committee also needs a member of the school board. Mrs. Mack nominated Ms. Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan graciously accepted.

Dr. Gaides stated that back in June she reported that the Emergency Management Performance Grant applied for by SAU #48 asking for \$50,000 for the multiple elementary schools. WES portion is \$3,500 for panic switches. Dr. Gaides received an email from the agency that it must be noted in the minutes that the school board is willing to accept the \$3,500 for switches and that the funds must be matched. She noted that the cost match has already been met with the purchase of the walkie-talkies and letter labeling of the building. Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the grant of \$3,500 for panic switches based on having expended the matching funds, seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.

2. **2014-2015 Budget-** Draft #3 –discussion ensued as to including a raise for support staff. Mr. Davis made a motion to add to the budget 1.5% increase to all support staff salaries, seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.
3. **2014-2015 Warrant Articles** – Mr. Davis made note that Article 1 should always be election of officers (district and school board). Dr. Gaides will look into this. After discussion as to separating the positions of school board treasurer and district clerk it was determined that the positions will continue to be combined, however, the board added \$40.00 to the budget under election services for the position of clerk.
4. **Field Trip Policy** – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Ms. Sullivan noted grammatical error on item 2 and the board request change to item 10 changing CPR, AED to CPR/AED. Mrs. Mack made a motion to adopt the policy, as amended, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. All were in favor.
5. **Other Business-** Mr. Charpentier gave recognition to Noah Thompson, who attended WES for 8 years, was nominated to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Davis recognized that WES went to the Senior Center to read.

**Privilege of the Floor** – Kevin Kay wanted to give recognition to Doug Sanborn who recently passed. Mr. Davis noted that he will be missed and the WES School board sends it's condolences to his family. Mr. Charpentier stated the students made a card with their hands on them which will be at the service and the school is sending flowers. Joe King states he understands the timing is bad, however is having a problem with the bus on his road. The driver of that bus is driving much too fast and is largely inconsistent with morning pick up times. Mr. King also notes that although the bus does not come to his driveway to pick his child up in the morning, the bus driver will drop child in driveway in the after school run. Mr. Kay on a separate driver/ bus states similar issues with regard to often times having to wait for high school run and parents not being notified. The board acknowledges the concerns and notes that recent problems

have been brought to the attention of Robertson Transportation and is hopeful that improvements will come soon.

Mr. Davis mentioned that a staff member had given a student a ride home in personal vehicle. Mr. Davis states that it is appreciated but not acceptable. Faculty members should not use personal vehicles for student transportation.

### **Consent Items –**

#### **1. Auditor report**

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted to return to public session and adjourn at 6:50 p.m.  
No actions was taken during non public session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

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## Wentworth School Board Minutes of February 10, 2014 Wentworth Elementary School

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack, Steve Davis

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray , Frances Muzzey

**Teachers Present:** None

Mr. Davis made a motion to open the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** add Non- Public – Student issue

**Minutes of January 20, 2014 School Board Meetings:** Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes, of January 20, 2014, seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** The school / community reading program continues to grow in the number of pages read. We are now up to 173,240. Keep going.

The school celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> day on January 30<sup>th</sup> with an afternoon of activities related to the number one hundred. All grade levels participated in the school wide event.

NWEA Testing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students has been completed. This was in conjunction with scheduling students for High School course work for next year.

8th grade move – up night held at PRHS was well attended by all but one of our students. This is an opportunity for both students and their parents to visit the school, meet classmates and gather valuable information.

Students in grades 3 – 5 along with several staff members participated in winter in The woods program Friday night February 7th for a moon light walk. The White Mt. National Forest Service sponsors this program.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

February 7<sup>th</sup> 3 – 5 winter in the woods program 5:00 -7:00pm

February 10<sup>th</sup> WES 2014-15 Budget Hearing 6:00pm following school board meeting

February 24-28<sup>th</sup> Winter Break

March 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester ends

March 8<sup>th</sup> WES District Meeting @ WES

March 11<sup>th</sup> Voting and Town meeting

March 14<sup>th</sup> Report Cards go home

March 21<sup>st</sup> Student-led conferences

## **KUDOS:**

To all the individual's that made the Thompson fundraiser such a huge success. The outpouring of support from the community was wonderful to be a part of.

To student counsel advisors and student members for a nice 100ths day celebration. Job well done.

To Mrs. Young & Ms. Gadwah for joining me Friday night in the moon light snowshoe with our students. It was a great evening. Thanks.

Congratulations to the 2012-2013 girls basketball team for earning the sportsmanship award and to the 2013 soccer team for their sportsmanship award as well. I am very proud of all our student athletes. You always represent our school well.

## **Discussion Items-**

- 1. Budget Hearing Prep -** Looking into the agreement with Time Warner Cable.  
The basic may refer to the television use not the internet use. Is there an agreement between WES School board and Time Warner Cable for internet access as to the budget for \$2,500 for additional band with charges? Concerns that it is not allowed in the contract to charge for extra bandwidth. Franchise agreement refers to basic cable which is assumed to be internet but charging the school \$2500 dollars for additional bandwidth.  
Franchise agreement says it will be free to Wentworth School District, Wentworth Fire Dept. That Wentworth Library did not agree to extra charges.  
Mr. Davis would like to challenge Time Warner Cable as to the charges for additional bandwidth as he does not see it in the franchise agreement. The school will look into whether or not this allowed under the contract. At this time the funds for this line item will remain in the budget.

**2. Warrant Articles** – Take up Article 1 on election day. Take up the remaining articles at March district meeting.

**3. Other Business-** Article one someone asked why secretary position is not a voted on position and is appointed. The answer being that the individual who takes the minutes for the school board meeting is a job position and the individual is hire it is not a voted on or appointed position.

Our Facilities looking at our heating system and found out that acoustic tiles in the hallway need to be repaired. Looking at possible places in the budget in order to get it done over February vacation.

Mr. Charpentier shared with the board that on voting day he kept a tally of number of voters during the day including people working the polls totaled of 17 people, throughout whole process was 39 people total . Looking at safety and security reasons including two police officers on duty. Mr. Davis notes is was extremely expensive by voter count. We will be faced with it again soon. Mr. Charpentier is assuming that the same process for the next time and keep the school open. Mr. Davis agrees. The cost was approximately \$65.00 per voter to pay for the salaries for the ballot clerks and and moderator, administrative assistant, etc. Supervisors of the checklist had to meet twice. Mr. Davis is working with the legislature to change things.

**Privilege of the Floor** – NONE

**Consent Items** – NONE

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of student issue at 5:38 p.m., seconded by Mr. Davis. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted to end non public session and adjourn at 5:55 p.m.  
No action was taken during non public session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of March 10, 2014  
Wentworth Elementary School**

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack, at 5:09 p.m. Steve Davis – Steve Davis out at 5:44 p.m.

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray, Jennifer Kay, Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell, Rick Farrell, Deborah Gelsi, Maria Young

**Teachers Present:** Sarah Cormiea

Mrs. Mack made a motion to open the meeting at 5:09 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** nothing added or deleted

**Minutes of February 10, 2014 School Board Meeting and February 10, 2014 Budget**

**Hearing:** Ms. Sullivan made a motion to suspend approval of minutes until later in the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mack.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes, of February 10, 2014 school board meeting and February 10, 2014, Budget Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Mack. Mr. Davis was not present. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** Baseball softball season is right around the corner. We are in the process of sign-ups with hopes we will have enough students for our teams.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is very close to their goal of raising the funds for their class trip to DC.

The number of pages students and staff has read thus far in the schools reading jump into reading program stands at 214,302

**SAVE THE DATE**



March 7th 2nd trimester ends

March 8th WES District Meeting @ WES 3:00 pm

March 11th Voting and Town meeting

March 14th Report cards go home

March 18th PTO meeting 5:00pm

March 20 & 21st Student – led – Conferences

March 26th PSU Tiger program

April 28th – May 2nd spring break

### **KUDOS:**

To Dr. Ethel Gaides and the members of the WES school board for all their hard work in preparing the 2014 -2015 school year budget.

To Dr. Gaides for her visit as the CAT IN THE HAT during Dr. Seuss birthday week.

To John Emery the Wentworth road agent for removing all the ice buildup from the back of the school building.

To CCI for the work done in the building over the break. Nice job. It was done in a timely manner.

To Erica Wilson, Erin Guinan, Shonna Perrin, Kelsey Gadwah, Sara Byers, Sarah Cormiea, and Maria Young for giving up some of their vacation time to help with the iPads reconfigurations.

Ms. Sullivan made motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.

### **Discussion Items-**

**1. District Meeting Wrap Up -** Ms. Sullivan has no problem with the democratic process and someone making an amendment to cut the budget. But she does have a problem with people having no participation in the budget process prior to the meeting, when the information would have been helpful to have prior to that day. Personally feels that it was just random numbers thrown out that day not anything that was reasoned. Ms. Sullivan feels (her feelings) are she does not have children in this school but does have children that graduated from this school. She feels that education is important and that is why she is here. I've put a lot of time and thought into it. I care about our children in this community and I care about their education she thinks it's unfortunate that the motion was made by someone who doesn't have any children or investment in this school. Do feel that we need to save money and open to considering how to change things and was hoping for a year to change things and be creative with solutions.

Deb Gelsi finds it extremely reckless and irresponsible to make a cut of this size to the budget without any thought beforehand. This budget has been slashed over and over. It's a bare bones budget. There

is no money for extras. No more drama or plays. This budget has been cut everywhere except in salaries. Deb has mentioned earlier the only way to make cuts is by cutting teachers which is moving backwards. It's reckless and irresponsible and there has to be a way to find money or get this amendment over turned. There has to be some other way, we can't ship the children out.

There is going to be an advisory board the second Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Davis this is going to be his last night. However he feels an obligation to not put this on to his replacement.

Mr. Davis gave credit to Dr. Gaides and Mark Halloran and the SAU for an exceptional job dealing with this crisis.

Dr. Gaides noted that she spent a lot of time going over the numbers with Dan Rosner, Fran Gonsalves and Mark Halloran. What she presents tonight for cuts is not in stone it is simply best effort at suggestions.

Kevin Kay asked if the unfunded reserve balance can be accessed. The answer is no, not without two special meetings. One for the Town and one for the school. Mr. Davis makes note that the school has turned back \$170,000 dollars in the past 2 years.

Talk about grant writing. But this is not always a given. This takes a lot of time to write and not a guarantee that you will get them, as there is competition for the grants. Another point made is that if you get the grant you must use for that specific purpose. There are restrictions placed on spending of the grant money.

There was a review of the potential cuts as proposed by the SAU. Dr. Gaides made note that these are proposed cuts and that the school board will review and make any decisions.

Mr. Davis left the meeting early stating that everything he ran for we've done. Discipline, returning money to tax payers. This budget is a tough pass.

- 2. NECAP Results** — Sara Cormiea she heard the comment made about the NECAP scores dropping. Last year they cut 2 teachers from the reading program and this year's NECAPs are direct effect of that, and this year were being asked to improve and there only going to take it away again when we were just starting to build back up.

#### **SIDE TRACK DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Farrell asks Dr. Gaides, with this cut, is the school able to provide an adequate education? Dr. Gaides stated this is an excellent question and that we have to provide an adequate education and we have to find a way to do so.

Deb Gelsi – can you guarantee that every student in this school is going to get an adequate education. Dr. Gaides says how can you guarantee that? Deb’s response is that’s the problem. Mrs. Mack guarantees that the teachers at WES will do the best they can. Parents are not upset with the board only with the amount of money they have been left to deal with.

The school board is asking if we can be creative with extra-curricular. Donating to time to teach an art time or an afterschool homework club or tutoring.

Kevin Kay asked about transportation and whether or not we can combine bus with Rumney as far as shifting start and end time of school day so that it differs by 15 minutes. Our busses are not filled to capacity; however going to one bus leaves some students on the bus for over an hour. Deb Gelsi mentioned putting bus stops at the end of a road instead of a bus traveling an entire road. Also suggested is parents of students riding a bus to pay a fee for the transportation.

There were some impromptu comments for reaching out to Ellen for help.

## **THERE IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BEING HELD AT WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY MARCH 24, 2014 FOR DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.**

**BACK TO NECAP RESULTS:** NECAP Summaries for 2013-2014 were distributed. The results are for grades 3 through 8. Mr. Charpentier reviewed and explained the results. Keeping in mind the big picture of the ups and downs of personnel, classroom configuration are to be taken into consideration. Dr. Gaides noted there is a new math series. The K through 2 students this is their second year using this model. Noting this is a new series. It usually takes between 3 and 5 years to see incredible results when taking in a new series. Currently looking into new reading series which may have to come from grants as there is not money in this budget. No Fall NECAP next year.

Mr. Kay asks about the new math program. Is the new program not in line with the NECAP? Mr. Kay also makes note that he is “unteaching” his son in math, because he does not understand the new stuff himself. Mr. Charpentier shares that there has been a meeting with staff as far as parents going through the same thing. In the meeting it was discussed to have meetings in the fall for parents to attend so that they understand the new program. Dr. Gaides share with the public is that there is another piece for the parents on line with videos. The videos are very helpful been designed by math in focus. You just need a username and password. It is a website called Virtual manipulatives.

Maria Young stated that standardized tests are lousy. Her son being a perfect example of why you should not put weight on standardized testing. He did lousy on all through school and did not do well on SAT’s. He is now in college and has 3.5 GPA in his first semester. So he can’t do standardized test but he is a bright kid and doing well in college.

- 3. Late Bus -** On Monday March 3, 2014 at 3:15 pm a bus got stuck on Cape Moonshine Road. There was spotty cell service. The driver was able to leave a message at the office of Robertson Transit and the school. One child was able to call his grandmother and let her know. That grandmother let another know , an informal phone tree started. The person trying to get to the bus got lost. In order to prevent this in the future administration contacted Robertson Transportation for alternative numbers to reach when there is a situation.
  
- 4. Other Business-** Kevin Kay asked about parking and if it would be okay for parking behind the school. Mr. Charpentier said okay so long as it is orderly and a means of egress.

**Privilege of the Floor – NONE**

**Consent Items – NONE**

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of student issues, parent issues and resignations, at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close nonpublic session and enter into public session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

The School Board unanimously accepted the following resignations with regret:

Deb McManus, Physical Education  
Tessa LeDoux, Guidance  
Ericka Clark, Grade 5

Mrs. Mack made a motion to rescind Maria Young's one hour lunch room contract, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. A new contract is being created to include the hour in the office. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of March 24, 2014  
Wentworth Elementary School**

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**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier, Mr. Dan Rossner

**Public Present:** Various members of the public including, Aaron W. Comeau, Maria Young, Frances Muzzey, Ellie Murray, Laurie Melanson, Donald Bagley, Sr., Donna Campbell, Penny McKenna, Martha Morrill, Melisa Farrell, Rick Farrell, Kenyon F. Karl, Edward Crane, Christine Crane, Kevin Kay, Luke Merluzzi, Mark Parsons, Tricia Parsons, Deborah Gelsi, Jennifer Kay, Erin Pratt, John Vlk, Tabitha Vlk, Sara Bixby, Richard Young, Michelle Toepel, Patrick Guinan, Etta O'Reilly, Amy Merluzzi, Brian DuBois

**Teachers Present:** Sarah Cormiea, Phoebe Sanborn, Erin Guinan

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to open the meeting at 6:01p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

The board has received the resignation of the newly elected school board member, Jennifer Kay, as she is an employee of SAU 48. The process now will be to advertise for the position. If interested in the position to write a letter of interest to the SAU. There was discussion on how the individual could have run for office. The answer being she could run for the position of school board member. But once elected then would have to make a choice of being school board member or SAU employee.

Don Bagley, Chairman of the Warren School Board, with the approval of the Warren School Board attends the meeting tonight to talk about the Wentworth School Budget dilemma. Warren Village school is willing to take any or all of Wentworth Elementary students in grades Kindergarten through 7th at a price of \$9,500 per student and if wanted to do anything more outside of that Warren School is open to suggestions. And makes note that being different SAU does not make a difference.

Mrs. Crane asks if the \$9,500 included transportation or special education. The answer is no. However no tuition contract would include either of those. This does not mean Warren would not take special education students. This would simply be an additional cost. Mr. Bagley left his phone number if

anyone needs to reach him with regard to the matter. Mr. Bagley states that Warren is open to many possibilities if interested.

Room size is a concern, as well as, the concern of staff and teachers. Mr. Bagley notes that Warren school is fully staffed. Mr. Crane finds the timing of the offer ironic. He offers to the Wentworth community, before accepting the offer by Mr. Bagley, that he will take his kids from Wentworth School and home school them for one year and coach for free. Ms. Sullivan appreciates the offer. However, without the children all being in the same class it doesn't help in the right way. But may take him up on the coaching offer. Deb Gelsi finds it suspect and ironic the timing of this offer as she is now a resident of Warren and attended the Warren district meeting and Ms. Gelsi states while she was at that meeting one of the members of the school board was very loudly saying how bad Wentworth students were and how terrible Wentworth school is and then tax payers stood up demanding the board to lower the budget/taxes and take Wentworth students. Mr. Muzzey says the proposal is not ironic as it is not new. He does feel that with everything so close to the April 15th deadline for teacher contracts that it would be difficult to go forward with that now. Mrs. Mack as a school board member with no children in this school anymore states she would never make this decision without parents and will not be voting tonight to close the school. If this goes into further discussion it should be school board members, towns' people, students and teachers and principals.

Mark Parsons asks if there is absolutely nothing we can do, as residents, to change the decision that was made at the town meeting or is there a procedure for amending, that the board is not considered. Mrs. Mack indicates the board has considered everything and urges everyone to come to the district meeting next year to vote. Mr. Parsons asked is the board has spoken with the school district attorney? The procedure for special school district meeting is that you have to apply to the court and have an emergency reason. Mr. Rossner explained as this is an expensive procedure it not worth going to the court for this application as it is believed it would be turned down.

#### **Discussion Items-**

**1. 2014-2015 Budget Review** - The amended budget is through SAU proposal. This is not set in stone it is suggestions by SAU. Ms. Sullivan explained the proposed reductions in the 1100 accounts. After explanation of the cuts in 1100 account, Kevin Kay asks that it affects salaries and benefits. This is a yes. Mr. Kay states that given all other grades being combined then ok with combining grades 5 and 6, but not thrilled about losing reading teacher. Mr. Kay speaks of making changes to transportation. If we all as parents commute more to Route 25 and reduce the cost of bus. The cut in transportation could help towards keeping a reading teacher. And wondered if this is possible for all parents. He also asks if there is a requirement on the special education side that it has to be door to door pick up? The answer is yes if it is IEP driven. However some special education has been cut already on transportation services by combining. For Regular education busses contract with Robertson Transportation is at 76,820. Ed Crane asks as parents if we all work together to share transportation. Amy Merluzzi asks what if you have children in high school and at elementary school and a special education student? This would be difficult for some parents.

Mr. Muzzey asks in as much as the principal becoming an educator as well, how much of in the principal office section that has been cut, how much if it went to the education instruction category? He board answered none. This is a cut.

Deb Gelsi stated that for all of her relatives with children in school in Massachusetts, if you live further than two miles from the school you pay a fee to ride the bus. This might be a something to consider. Ms. Sullivan doesn't believe we can legally do that. Mr. Rossner stated it is an interesting concept, one that can be researched. But at this time it is an appropriation threshold issue. You're talking on the revenue side. And it really doesn't become discussion, because you've been given a threshold of what you can spend. You've been given an appreciation threshold of \$1.25 million dollars. That is what you can spend.

Deb Gelsi asks on the special education line the change shows going from 4 aides to 3. Asked if losing a spec ed student. Although board cannot answer the question. This could be one reason. The board can say that all the IEP's that are currently in effect will not be changed.

Ms. Gelsi also asked if we will continue to tuition out lea's to other schools or try to bring in house. The board doesn't think they can talk about that but are keeping all options open.

Frances Muzzey notes when speaking of cutting costs of bussing that the contract covers morning and afternoon transportations. It does not include field trips. It was stated that field trips were cut from the budget. Mr. Muzzey asks if no matter that parents bring students to meeting place, would be unable to cut the transportation costs? The board does not know yet.

Kevin Kay states the he believes the school board is on a deadline for this budget. Friday is when the appropriation has to be reported. He would encourage the school board not to worry about DRA deadline and due diligence on working on the budget.

Dan Rossner does concur with the Chief If necessary, that school board does not have to make decisions tonight. But not stray from deadline or the deadline for teachers which is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Muzzey states can't change monies form the Warrant Articles. Which is correct .

Ed crane asks the board if they plan on making this whole special election process before or after the budget done. The board would like to have it done as soon as possible.

**Special Ed Lines –**

One less aide needed next year, as of now. The other unknown is the student population from any given week. Gifted and talented line is eliminated. Preschool tuition line, looking to bring in house next year.

## Co-curricular

Reduced by 2,000 and athletic reduced. Maria young believes if we are concentrating on student education then suggests eliminating the co-curricular and athletics line completely . Mr. Crane agrees. As it is preferred to have a reading teacher. Rumney School has always offered for Wentworth students to play at Russell Elementary School. The school board is happy to consider

Mr. Comeau echoes Mr. Crane. Through conversations with the new athletic director at the high school would like all of the sports combined as SAU teams is possible in the future. Similar to middle school wrestling and football. There was also discussion of volunteering for co-curricular activities. For example yearbook, or student counsel Mrs. Parsons offered to be student counsel advisor.

Mark Parsons reiterates Mr. Crane's sentiments of needing a reading teacher.

Jennifer Kay asks if part of reading teacher salary is partially funded by grant money. It is Title I funded. However, it has to be kept out of budget line as it is not known until much later whether it will be available .

Ellie Murray asks if the reading teacher is being cut. The states that at this time this is the case. Ellie thinks it is bad idea to cut the reading teacher.

Mr. Parsons asks if preschool is not required? Ms. Sullivan states that regular preschool is not but special education preschool is required if identified.

Guidance counselor reduced from .6 to .4. This is a reduction of three days to two days. Nurse's supplies reduced. Printing and binding reduced.

Lori Melanson states that guidance is really important. But does feel more need for the reading teacher and feels it is possible reduce guidance counselor to one day a week in order to keep reading teacher.

Sean Morrison points out with the efforts of saving reading teacher that now the will be other parts of the budget that will need to be cut to find the difference in order to fund this line. Where will this amount be taken from ?

Frances Muzzey talking about authorization to spend. Where is the documentation for state aide. If any of that falls short you are in deeper water than you are in now.

How can you eliminate the election expense

Dan – that line represent this is not for the ballots it is the portion of money that school Paid to town of bill for school portion of the Town report.



Principal Salary and Benefits cut by 10 days and salary reduced-

Maria Young feels it is insane to ask someone to hold this building together and add responsibilities and cut his pay. He is getting additional duties and then a cut in pay. This is a huge pay cut. Other parties quickly agreed to Mrs. Young's sentiments.

Mr. Young – Agree with sentiment of cutting principal pay. Is the amount of cut just his pay or does it also included benefits? Adding to his responsibility to teach PE and do Guidance. Mr. Young feels it is awful to take a hit like that but here is extra work. He feels it is just not fair.

Frances Muzzy asks who participated in where these cuts would occur? He Assumes Supervisory union, teachers involved, principal involved. He states you please some and not others, and compliments all those who were involved. It was stated that the only input came from the SAU. Mr. Muzzey compliments the SAU.

Mr.Parsons asks about Professional development leaving one dollar in the line . trying to figure out what that means. With the reference that is contractual. The cut in this line is under the assumption that noy all the professional development funds will not be used.

Lori Melanson asks if students will all be getting PE one day a week and music one day and tech and guidance one day a week . She Didn't realize principal would have to do guidance- as well. Mr. Rossner states the principal will not do guidance, but the 504 portion.

Cut to summer custodial help. (in good humor, Mr. young makes reference to his back) . Also cuts in professional tech services. Mrs. Sanborn states her concerns about this. As there is great technology in this building that should not be neglected. Support will come from SAU and doing more with the cloud. Mr. Rossner states the SAU will continue to support it just may be at a reduced level. But this is part of the problem we are dealing with here.

Kevin Kay asks what's left in this year's budget that the board can look at for making purchases for next year. Can you buy it this year? What can we do with the remainder of this year's money. The board stated they may not have the money left that equals what was turned back to the town last year.

Mr. Bagley stated that in the town of Warren sat down with the town selectman to talk about snow plowing as it comes out of the some pocket.

Mr. Muzzey stated that in past years the selectmen have looked into this but they are needed at the school also needed on the roads. At same time. Mr. Muzzey believes that outsourcing works better.

Mr. Bagley states that the school and the town need to work together.

Pete Chierichetti says we have increased the amount of highway employees that we had a year ago. Maybe can reconsider, and talk again with the selectmen.

Mrs. Parsons suggests send home a supply list of what students have to bring for each student, ie; 5 reams of paper per kid and 6 boxes tissues to cut the supply the budget.

Maria asks if CBA among teachers is public knowledge and if she could ask a question. She asked that the teachers were offered if they didn't take insurance they would get a stipend. With this being the case Maria wonders if the difference saved on insurance could be used to help fund the amount needed for a reading teacher. Mr. Rossner responded that it would be unfair labor practice to enter into any coercive activities towards the teachers bargaining . Mrs. Young stated she is not trying to do that at all, just making a suggestion as to where the savings could go.

Kevin Kay thanked the board, and stated this is not an easy challenge. People came to district meeting and slashed our budget and didn't come to this meeting for input on how to budget with this amount. If only more parents came to the district meeting we might be not be in this situation.

Mrs. Young made note that discussion on the budget starts in January.

To piggy back Mr. Kay's statement, Ms. Sullivan states that she could easily see someone saying we cut by this last year and you made it work. I think it is important to remember in March

Mrs. Sanborn states we might make it work but will be the impact?

Mr. Muzzey asks if we are forgetting about the offer from Warren to eliminate the salaries which would be a significant savings.

Mrs. Crane appreciates offer being made and some good could come from it. But would hate to lose our teachers. They do such a magnificent job. And is not in favor of closing the school. She will fight it all the way.

Mrs. Young noted the school had a family come here looking to buy property. In this area – they loved the school. Then they heard about our budget and dilemma though maybe they don't want to move here.

Aaron Comeau agrees that he as well does not want loose teachers and going to warren is not an option in his eyes.

Ellie Murray says it is not good idea to send our kids to Warren. We have a beautiful school and good teachers and we should stay here.

Mr. Muzzey is not suggesting closing the school. He was suggesting cooperation by reducing spending here by sharing responsibility with Warren. Maybe by exchanging grades.

Sarah Cormiea says that this school means the world to her, the kids mean the world to her, and she appreciates the support of all the parents. It so nice to see everyone coming together. It is heartwarming.

Next School Board meeting will be on April 14' 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Parsons notes the talk of a lot of lack of community involvement – is there a way to facilitate that communication , suggesting email list or call list. Mrs. Young asked if she can put it on the alert system for the call list.

Mr. Young made a suggestion of possible making donation sites for supplies for the school.

Amy Merluzzi thought it would be helpful if parents volunteer for tutor or mentor students after school.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

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**Wentworth School Board  
SAU Office  
April 9, 2014  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Kathleen Mack, Bernie Sullivan

**Administration Present:** Ethel Gaides, Fran Gonsalves, Kyla Welch, Dan Rossner

Call to order of the School Board at 1:08 PM. Mrs. Sullivan moved and Mrs. Mack seconded to go into non-public at 1:10 PM for the purpose of personnel. All were in favor.

Mrs. Mack moved and Mrs. Sullivan seconded at 3:32 PM to return to public session.

Mrs. Mack moved and Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the nominations of the slates as presented including administration, support staff, and professional staff.

The School Board signed the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The School Board asked that the School Board vacancy be posted for one week at Shawnees, the Post Office, and in the school newsletter. A letter of interest needs to be sent to the Wentworth School Board C/O SAU Office. Interviews will be held in May.

Mrs. Mack moved and Mrs. Sullivan seconded to adjourn at 3:35 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides

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## Wentworth School Board Minutes of April 14, 2014 Wentworth Elementary School

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack,

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier

**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray, Jennifer Kay, Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell, Rick Farrell, Maria Young, Joyce Morrison, Paulina Horne, Edward Crane, Erin Pratt, Aaron W. Comeau, Michelle Toepel, Patricia Parsons, Mark Parsons, Shawn Morrison, Deb Gelsi, Amy Merluzzi

**Teachers Present:** Sarah Cormiea, Erin Guinan, Phoebe Sanborn

Mrs. Mack made a motion to open the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** added to discussion items – eight grade class trip and added Personnel to non-public

**Minutes of March 10, 2014 School Board Meeting and March 24, 2014 School Board Meeting:** Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes, of March 10, 2014 school board meeting and March 24, 2014, School Board Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class advisors have made their reservations for the class trip to DC. The students have worked very hard to raise the funds and a \$1,000 grant was obtained in order to secure the rest.

The number of pages students and staff have read thus far in the schools reading challenge program stands at 214,302pages read.

Student –led conferences went very well. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their parents to get together to discuss schoolwork.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> The Plymouth State University award winning TIGER Program provided a performance entitled “Bully – Free You and Me” to our students along with small group workshops afterwards. This was a very enjoyable program. Funding came from a grant.

Over the weekend the final of the keyless entries was installed. This is part of the overall upgrades to the schools security.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

April 14<sup>th</sup> school board meeting 6:00 pm

April 22 Academic Fair night 6:00 – 7:00 pm

April 25<sup>th</sup> progress reports go home

April 28th – May 2nd spring break.

May 12th Kindergarten Screening

May 28th – 30 8th grade class trip to DC

### **KUDOS:**

To Plymouth General Dentistry for the grant to help offset the cost of the Tiger Program.

To Deb Stuart for her continued support of WES and the Arts Alliance program she brings to the school. We are fortunate enough to have this ongoing grant.

### **Discussion Items-**

- 1. 2014-2015 Calendar** - On November 26, 2014 the other schools in the SAU are closed. January 19, 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr the other schools are closed. Discussion ensued as to how to handle the two aforementioned days. If the two days are taken off the calendar where will the two days be filled in? There is question regarding the beginning two days of Christmas break and talk back and forth as to the February and/or April Vacation. Mrs. Mack did ask Mr. Kay’s opinion on having a full day of school on primary day. Mr. Kay said he is not extremely comfortable with the idea but is willing to do it. Teachers present at the meeting did not seem to mind having a full day of school on this day. There was discussion as to why the town still does not have voting at the town hall. This will be addressed at the selectman’s meeting with some attendees from tonight’s school board meeting. Ms. Sullivan made a motion to change the calendar as follows: November 26’ 2014 will be ½ day and December 22 and 23, 2014 will school will be in session and January 19, 2015, Martin Luther King, Jr. day, school will be closed. Making the last day of school for students will be June 17, 2015. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

- 2. 2014-2015 Budget Wrap- up** – As advised by Dan Rossner; the board has to meet the bottom line. The board has listened to the public and acknowledges the public’s opinion for the need of a reading teacher. Ms. Gelsi inquired as to the warrant articles and another parent asked if it is required by law to have reading specialist on staff.

The school board did have a discussion with staff as to class configuration. At this time it is not a final decision but looks like the following may be set up for next year: Combine

Kindergarten / Grade 1

Grade 2/ Grade 3

Grade 4/Grade 5

Grade 6

Grade 7/Grade 8

Majority of parent feedback is the preference not to combine kindergarten & grade 1.

Deb Gelsi asked why a decision on new board member has not yet been made. The board said it was not their decision to wait. There was a circumstance that cannot be discussed publicly as to the reason to for the delay. The board would like to get someone appointed as soon as possible. And asked for letters of interest to be submitted.

Mrs. Sanborn did state that if the class configuration does combine the k/1 there would be a need for a regular class room aide. Erin Guinan expressed here concern that combining grades 3 / 4 is quite difficult and that it would be beneficial to combine k/1 with an aide if possible and not try to combine grades 3 / 4. And feels it would be better to combine grades 4/5 and leave grade 6 as one class.

Maria Young recalled a time when a change in configuration of class rooms combined Social Studies and Science the students were taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level one year and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level the next.

- 3. Other Business** – Dr. Gaides shared there is a signed agreement between the Wentworth Teachers’ Association and Wentworth School board.

Ed Crane asked about the letter he submitted for school board member and wanted to make sure that it had been received by the board. The board acknowledges receipt of the letter.

- 4. Eight Grade Class Trip** - Update by Mr. Charpentier that the trip will be from May 28<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>. Hotel accommodations have been secured as well as airplane tickets.

**Privilege of the Floor** – NONE

**Consent Items – Claims and payroll**

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel, at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close nonpublic session and enter into public session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Contracts for 2014-2015 were signed by the school board.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary



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**Wentworth School Board  
Wentworth Elementary School  
April 21, 2014  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Kathleen Mack, Bernie Sullivan  
**Administration Present:** Ethel Gaides  
Teachers from Wentworth Elementary School

Call to order of the School Board at 3:00 PM. The purpose of today's meeting was to meet with the teachers to discuss grade configurations for next year. Discussions ensued about grade combinations, numbers and needs of students, para-educator supports in various grades, and delivery of various subjects within grade combinations. It was agreed to go with K-1 combined grades, grades 2-3 combined, and grades 4-5 combined, and grades 7-8 combined, with grade 6 as a stand-alone grade. The teachers expressed their appreciation for open communication and would like to continue monthly meetings with the School Board.

Mrs. Mack moved and Mrs. Sullivan seconded to adjourn at 5:15 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides

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## Wentworth School Board Minutes of May 12, 2014 Wentworth Elementary School

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack  
**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier,  
**Teachers Present:** Sarah Cormiea, Erin Guinan, Phoebe Sanborn  
**Public Present:** Kenyon Karl

At 5:04, Mrs. Mack made a motion to open the meeting, seconded by Ms. Sullivan.  
The first interview was with Patricia Rathbun.  
The second interview was with Melissa Farrell  
The third interview was Ed Crane.

At 5:45pm Ms. Sullivan made a motion to enter into nonpublic session, for the purpose of personnel, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

At 5:55pm, Ms. Sullivan made a motion to end nonpublic session, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Mack and Ms. Sullivan talked to each candidate before selecting Ed Crane as the new school board member. Ellie Murray swore in Ed Crane so that he could join in the meeting.

Dr. Gaides opened the meeting public session at 6:05p.m. At this time she introduced Assistant Superintendent, Kyla Welch, and the newest school board member, Ed Crane.

Ed Crane made a motion to nominate Kathleen Mack as School Board Chair, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Board Members Present:** Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack, Ed Crane  
**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Mr. Keith Charpentier, Kyla Welch  
**Public Present:** Kenyan Karl, Ellie Murray, Jennifer Kay, Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell, Deb Gelsi, Maria Young, Richard Young, Michelle Toepel, Patricia Parsons, Mark Parsons, Shawn Morrison,  
**Teachers Present:** Sarah Cormiea, Erin Guinan, Phoebe Sanborn

**Agenda Review and Disposition:** added Personnel to non-public

**Minutes of April 14, 2014 School Board Meeting:** Need to change on Page 3 , 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Erin Kindl to Erin Guinan and the word combine to combining. On #3 other business change the word share to shared. Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes, of April 14, 2014, school board meeting, as amended, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report-** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class advisors have made the reservations for the class trip to DC. All funding for this trip is secured. This trip is from May 28<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, (4) of our band students will be traveling to the Great East Festival to represent our school. Congratulations to Ben Parsons, Steven Davis, Madison Weeks and Nathan Borger.

The number of pages students, staff and community members have read thus far in the schools reading challenge program stands at 214,302 pages.

NECAP Testing for grades 4 & 8 will be complete the week of 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. NWEA Testing for grades K-7<sup>th</sup> will be administered over the next two weeks.

The Academic Fair held on Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> was well attended. This was a wonderful opportunities for students to showcase their work to the community as well as their families.

WES has several of our students participating on the Russell baseball team, Holderness softball team, track & field team as well as Plymouth Lacrosse. It's nice to see our students involved on other sports teams.

Over the spring break the media center, main office, & classroom 5 had some repairs made to cabinets and counter tops. The school also had an inspection done on the gym basketball backboards.

The state safety inspector along with Jon France did a safety inspection to the building. WES did very well. We were sited on two areas:

- The ladder in the back hallway needs to be secure to the wall.
- The janitors' closet in the gym needs an eye wash station.

**SAVE THE DATE**

April 28th – May 2nd Spring break.

May 6th PTO meeting 6:00 pm

May 7th Kindergarten Screening

May 12th School board meeting 6:00 pm

May 14th spring concert

May 26th No School Memorial Day.

May 28th – 30th 8th grade class trip to DC

June 12th 8th grade graduation 6:00pm

June 16th last day of school

## **KUDOS:**

To everyone for all your extra hard work and time you put into making sure your classrooms and all the areas of the school were ready for the state safety inspection. Nice Job.

To the other schools in SAU48 for inviting our students to be members of their sports teams.

To Marc Rondeau for updating an access point over the weekend. He was able to obtain a new one via a donation. This will help support the new smarter balance testing next year.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mr. Crane. The vote was unanimous.

## **Discussion Items-**

- 1. Primex Resolution:** - Regarding workers compensation and unemployment insurance change to Primex Resolution from Local Government Center for a savings in premium. The School Board reviewed and approved the change to Primex Resolution. The membership agreement was signed by the school board chair.
- 2. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** – WES has received grant for next school year of \$3,172 for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program. Also approved is the SAU Security Grant has been approved and part of that grant is for the WES Panic Switches. Also received notification that WES can receive up to \$2,000 for Title 1 reallocation funds.
- 3. Other Business** – Mr. Charpentier distributed to the school board the itinerary for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade school trip.  
Also had asked Robertson Transportation the cost it would be to go from two buses to one bus. The savings would be approximately \$ 38, 000.

Mr. Charpentier has been working with teachers on a tentative schedule for next year and distributed a copy to the board to look at.

**Privilege of the Floor** – Mr. Kay asked if the board is able to give class configurations for next year. The board is unable at this time. There was discussion as to the proposal for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade being combined. As the public believed the Kindergarten room had to be for Kindergarten only. The board explained that they can request permission from the State to combine the class.

Deb Gelsi asked what the projected class configurations for next year would be and feels it should be done soon. And feels it is unfair for parents to have to wait as they have decisions to make.

**Consent Items – Claims and payroll**

**Correspondence-** Mr. Charpentier shared a written request by Blue Wave Tae Kwon Do to use the gym for class. Mrs. Mack made a motion to allow the Tyler Clark to use the gym for Tae Kwon Do. Seconded by Mr. Crane. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kay asked about off-site access by the individuals with the fob. He was informed that the group would have a fob but only for the doors needed.

Michelle Toepel asked about the panic buttons and who would have the access to the building and what is the cost associated with response in the event the panic button is used. During school would be dispatched to the police dept. and outside of that would be dispatched according to who is on duty as it is now.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to close public session and enter into nonpublic session for the purpose of personnel, at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to come out of non-public at 8:00pm. Seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Bernie announced that the grade configurations for next year will be:

- k, 1 Phoebe Sanborn
- 2, 3 Sarah Cormiea
- 4, 5 Erin Guinan

The school board accepts the resignation of Dottie Beadle with regret.

The Board signed a revised the contract for Kelsey Gadwah.

Unfilled positions that remain.

- .2 tech integrator
- .4 guidance
- .5 title I reading/writing specialist

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe  
School Board Secretary

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes  
SAU Office  
June 2, 2014**

**School Board Present: Ed Crane, Kathleen Mack**

**Admin: Mark Halloran, Ethel Gaides, Kyla Welch**

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At 1:00pm, Ms. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Crane, to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel.

At 3:30pm, on a motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Mr. Crane, the Board came out of non public session.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides

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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes  
SAU Office  
June 3, 2014**

**School Board Present: Ed Crane, Kathleen Mack, Bernie Sullivan**

**Admin: Mark Halloran, Ethel Gaides, Kyla Welch**

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At 4:00pm, Ms. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Crane, to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel.

At 5:30pm, on a motion by Ms. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board came out of non public session.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides