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**Wentworth School Board Meeting Minutes
Wentworth Elementary School
Wentworth, NH
Monday, September 11, 2006**

Members Present: Mrs. Mack, Mr. Morrison

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Others Present: 5 members of the community

At 6:05 PM, Mr. Morrison called the meeting to order, seconded by Mrs. Mack.

Agenda - It was decided to add resignation under non public.

Discussion Items

A. Jon Francis gave an update on the new HVAC systems, and gave a tour of the building. The asbestos removal ended up costing \$19,000. The vendor will pay half this cost. WES has come in under budget. It was explained that getting the Assistance balanced and running will take a month or two and that it is web based. Mr. Francis gave a tour of the school, explaining the automatic pumps, thermostats, heaters, filters and all the new construction that has been done. Concern was raised regarding the gym corner heaters, and a cage to protect the heaters from gym balls was discussed. There was a concern raised for carbon monoxide detectors, which was also discussed.

Minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Lee Morrison, the minutes of July 31, 2006 were approved as written. Vote was unanimous.

Principal's report

Mr. Charpentier explained that he worked several hours this summer to get acclimated to the job. Mr. Charpentier conducted several interviews, and hired several new members of his staff. He expressed his excitement regarding these excellent hires.

Mr. Charpentier stated that the asbestos issue was handled quickly, and the company that removed the asbestos did a great job.

Mr. Charpentier reported that opening school day was very successful.

Wentworth Elementary School is working on reinforcement of the rule of respect. Mr. Charpentier is working with students to determine the outcome of behavior while using respect. Mr. Charpentier stated that this is working out well.

Mrs. Gaudette held an ice cream social to welcome Mr. Charpentier. Mr. Charpentier thanked her for that event.

Wentworth Elementary School made AYP. Therefore, the school does not have to develop an improvement plan.

Mr. Charpentier has posted a primary and secondary means of egress in each classroom, and in the bathrooms. He is currently working on numbering the doors.

School pictures will be taken tomorrow.

The PTO will meet on September 19th at 6:00 PM.

There are 10 students from Warren, and 10 or 12 from Wentworth that are getting together to create a soccer team.

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The 1st Field hockey game is Friday, September 15, 2006.

The school has \$4,400 to finish phase 2 of the playground. There was some concrete given to Wentworth Elementary School at cost. The concrete will be delivered on Friday, September 22nd. Mr. Charpentier is looking for 10 volunteers for September 23rd.

There will be a 7th grade overnight to Mount Cardigan lodge on September 25-26, pending the Boards approval.

Mr. Charpentier spent a day in Whitefield, NH at a conference discussing the NECAP. He would like to condense NECAP testing at WES to one week. He will look at the final schedule tomorrow with the faculty.

Mr. Schalm and Mrs. Fryer have finished painting their classrooms.

Mr. Blake planted mums in the flower boxes.

Ms. Duchette has helped to revise schedules.

Richard Young spent a lot of time getting the school ready, and he was thanked for a job well done.

Maria Young was thanked for doing a terrific job at the school.

Melissa LaChance made covers for computers in her room.

WES was awarded a certificate from the American Heart Association.

Mr. Charpentier wanted to thank all students, staff, and faculty for an outstanding start to the school year.

Mr. Charpentier had a moment of silence in the school to remember September 11th.

The Board then led a moment of silence for the families and victims of September 11th.

On a motion by Lee Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the overnight 7th grade trip was approved. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Morrison accepted the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack.

Correspondence – The mail was circulated.

Discussion Items

B. Increase in Year Book Pay – Currently, the school is paying a stipend of \$400 for putting together the yearbook. Mr. Charpentier looked at time and energy it took to do the year book, and asked the board if they would consider an increase. Mr. Morrison would like to know how much more money would be needed in order to have someone agree to do the yearbook. This will be looked into further.

C. Sub Pay and Mileage reimbursement. – The current figures were discussed. Mr. Charpentier explained that the chart shows that WES is less marketable for subs.

As of September 11, 2006, on a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the board voted to change the teacher sub pay to \$60 per day, to change the support sub pay to \$50 per day, and to change the mileage reimbursement to 41 cents a mile.

D. Operation Impact – Mr. Charpentier and Steve Whitney started this program. It is an educational program regarding drug and alcohol awareness. During this program, Mr.

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Whitney, who works for the Grafton County Department of Corrections, would talk to the students about prison. In addition, some prisoners talk to the students about the poor choices that they have made. Mr. Charpentier explained that 8th graders are at a critical point in their life, and that this program may help them make better choices.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the board voted unanimously to start up Operation Impact.

E. After School Program Money – There is no money for this program. Mr. Charpentier explained that there were 12 students in the program last year. In looking at AYP and NCLB, Mr. Charpentier stated that an after school program would be very valuable. WES is looking into different options to fund this.

F. October meeting – Monday, October 2nd, 5:30PM will be the next WES meeting.

Recognition and Award

Karen Fryer thanked Keith Charpentier for a job well done in starting the school year. Lee Morrison and Kathleen Mack recognized Keith for a smooth start to the school year.

Privilege of the Floor

There was a discussion regarding the untidy look of the back of the school. It was stated that there is a place at the transfer station where cans for WES are kept. However, there was a question of how that money gets back to WES. Mr. Young will be notified so that he can be involved in the next steps of this issue.

A question was raised regarding combining Wentworth and Warren 7th graders. All 7th graders had already enrolled in Haverhill Cooperative Middle School for this school year.

The teachers are discussing a program to drive the students to the library once a week.

Consent Items

A. Claims and Payroll

At 8:00 PM, a motion was made by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to move to nonpublic session. Vote was unanimous.

At 8:15 PM, a motion was made by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison to reenter Public session.

Lisa Horne's resignation was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle McCauley