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

Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Deb Gelsi

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Others Present: 11 members of the community

The budget session was called at order at 5:00 PM.

Among the topics of discussion were Kindergarten tuition, adding \$1,200 for back stops, handbook costs, and food service costs.

Mr. Morrison called the Board meeting to order at 6:03 PM, seconded by Mrs. Mack.

Agenda A question regarding the ski program was raised.
Mr. Charpentier explained that he put a stop payment on the checks that were sent out to Tenney Mountain ski area, and he has called other ski areas in order to continue the ski program.

Minutes On a motion by Mrs. Gelsi, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the minutes of November 13, 2006 were approved. Vote was unanimous.

Principals Report

Mr. Charpentier stated that the 4th basketball game had been played today. Scott is doing outstanding as a coach.

Artist in residence is going well. There is a mural in the gymnasium.

Mrs. Duchette is in charge of the play this year. The play will be on March 15th and 16th at the Wentworth town hall at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Charpentier has received tickets to the Manchester Monarchs (hockey). He explained that these tickets can be given out to kids that are on the honor roll. The school will get a bus to transport everyone to the game. Some of this money was raised from a magazine drive, and some was from a grant.

There was a pig drive. There were teams that raised enough money to get the pig, and the goal was to bring the pig from one end of the gym to the other. The 8th grade won.

Term 1 marks closed and report cards were issues. There are new report cards, which were made with a lot of input from the teachers.

Mark Rondeau was able to move some computers from Holderness to Wentworth. Mr. Charpentier recognized Mr. Rondeau's hard work and extra hours with repairing/replacing the outdated computers.

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Helen Ray and Charlene Weeks served 145 different meals to people for the holiday. This was a successful community effort. Heather Clark was also commended for her hard work.

Correspondence

Mr. Morrison read a letter that will be discussed in Non-Public.

Discussion Items

Safety Plan

Mr. Charpentier drafted the safety plan for Wentworth. He explained that the school has had evacuation drills and fire drills, and that the only door open is in the front of the building. Also, each teacher has a whistle, which would allow them to bring all children into the building quickly in case of a reverse evacuation. Mr. Charpentier discussed his concerns with the board, which were a lack of an intercom system, an absence of doors that lock from the inside, and screening for the large windows out back. Further discussion of the safety plan was tabled for the January meeting.

Report Cards This was previously discussed in the Principals report.

Other issues

Mrs. Gaides explained that we are under a Title I audit. As part of that audit, it was discovered that there is no homeless policy. A homeless policy from the New Hampshire School Board Association was given to the Board. The Board will look at this for comments.

Recognition and Awards – none

Privilege of the Floor

It was clarified that the Ski program will be a full day.
Ms. Fryer distributed a job description for the Board.
Melody Funk asked a question about the PTO raising money for the school, and if the Board needs permission. It was discussed that if a fund raising event is happening in the school, the Board needs to be aware. If the PTO had a fund raising event outside of the school, the Board does not need to know.

Consent Items

A. Claims and Payroll –

At 6:30 PM, Mrs. Gelsi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to enter into Non-Public session to discuss personnel.

At 7:15 PM, Mrs. Gelsi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter Public session.

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There will be one teacher for grades 1 and 2, one for grades 3 and 4, one for grades 5 and 6, one for grade 7 and one for grade 8. This totals 5 full time classroom teachers. Karen Fryer will be a .5 reading teacher.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle McCauley