

**Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
September 10, 2007
Minutes**

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack

Board Members Present (Warren): Don Bagley, Roger VanWinkle

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Laurie Melanson, Palmer Koelb, John Millican, Deborah

The Wentworth School Board meeting began at 6:00 PM.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions

Minutes of July 9, 2007 – Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison to accept the minutes of July 9, 2007.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the building projects completed over the summer. The faculty and staff attended an all day workshop on Student Led Conferences. The students and staff will be conducting these conferences sometime in late spring. On October 22-23, the seventh and eighth graders will be taking an overnight (Appalachian Trail) field trip. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the overnight trip.

Wentworth Elementary School made Annual Yearly Progress for the 2nd year in a row. This was accomplished in all grade levels (3-8) in Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics, and in all cohort groups including special education. Within New Hampshire, of the 377 school reports released, 51% of the schools did not make adequate progress in one or more areas. The report also schools that 139 schools have failed to improved two consecutive years in the same content area.

The school board received an update on the PTO and money allocations for this year as no one volunteered to be in charge of PTO for the 2007-2008 school year.

Correspondence – The Warren Village School-Wentworth Elementary School Agreement was discussed at length. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the agreement.

The letter from the Wentworth Education Association was reviewed. Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Mack will commence negotiations with the team on September 24 at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Charpentier shared information about the Homeless Conference. Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Mack will attend the conference.

The Wentworth School District Board Report for the fiscal year ended 6/30/07 was shared. The “unreserved fund balance” (amount used to offset the amount of taxes raised in the following fiscal year) of \$36,769.09 will be used to reduce the tax dollars raised for the 07-08 school year. The Capital Reserve Fund was not utilized during 2006-2007. The balance of the Capital Reserve Funds as of 6/30/07 was \$18,104.74.

The Wentworth Board of Selectmen presented a petition for a special school district meeting (RSA 1917:2) to the school board. This petition was discussed at length. Mrs. Gaides, on behalf of the school board, will seek a legal opinion of any action they will need to take regarding the petition. The voters’ names have been verified. A response will be given to the Selectmen at the October 22nd meeting.

Discussion Items—AYP Results of schools within SAU #48 were shared with the public. The Career and Art Curriculum Guides were tabled until the October 22nd meeting. The Travel Payment/Reimbursement Policy was reviewed by the school board. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the policy. The school board has received one application for the vacant school board position. The school board requested that the position be posted at town hall and placed in the newspaper. Interviews will be held at the October 22nd meeting.

Recognition and Awards – Richard Young and his family for a job well done preparing the school for opening day and for putting up the new school sign. To Scott Goodale for designing, manufacturing and installing the new school sign. To Marc Rondeau for his tireless efforts to rewire the school for the new phone system and the wireless Internet system. Also, for saving the district an incredible amount of money in materials cost. To Brian Weeks for his donated time, materials and expertise in installing electrical outlets in the new computer/media center. To Andrew Schalm for his help in making the schedule for this year’s school configuration work. To all the students, staff, and faculty for making the first week of school a huge success.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Nonpublic Session --

At 7:17 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to enter non public session to discuss personnel.

At 8:00 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bridget Bixby as a paraprofessional.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the Plymouth State University Child Development Center tuition of \$3,000.00 for the Kindergarten Program for a Wentworth student.

At 8:05 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison