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**Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
January 14, 2008
Minutes**

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

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Phoebe Sanborn

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of December 10, 2007 – Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of December 10, 2007. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the basketball season, the approval of Wentworth Elementary School's Technology Plan from the NH DOE for the next three years, the service-learning project for grades 1-4, and the Student Achiever Night Program to see the Manchester Monarchs. Over the winter break, the school building had some needed maintenance and repairs done to the chimney pipe and tiles in the floor. A new CO2 detector was installed and the eighth grade classroom was repainted. On Friday, January 11th, WES received news that a competitive Digital Tools grant was awarded in the sum of \$10,343.00 to help in the development of the schools digital portfolio process. The school enrollment (grades 1-8) as of January 1, 2008 stands at 54 students.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – The proposed 2008-2009 SAU #48 school calendar was distributed to the Board (for discussion at the February School Board meeting). A critical bridge deficiency report was given to the Board. The meeting minutes of the Warren and Wentworth School Boards (on November 27, 2007) were distributed to the Board. A memo regarding additional special education costs impacting the 2008-2009 school budget was distributed to the Board.

Discussion Items—

Draft #3 of the 2008-2009 budget was reviewed. The additional special education costs were included in Draft #3. Discussion ensued regarding Draft #3. Robertson Transit did not prepare a new proposal for the Board to review.

There were several adjustments made to Draft #3 to decrease the total district funds to an amount below last year's district funds. A discussion ensued regarding the unreserved fund balance of 2007-2008. It was requested that Dick Petrin write a paragraph explaining how the unreserved fund balance created the change in district assessment that will impact the taxes for 2008-2009.

Additionally, the Board requested that Dick Petrin attend the Budget Hearing on February 11 at 6:00 PM to explain the unreserved fund balance impact to the public. The Board agreed to have the Budget Hearing at 6:00 PM **before** the School Board meeting, so the regular School Board meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on February 11.

There will be ½ day of school on March 27 for Student Led Conferences.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Brian Fairbanks for a wonderful holiday concert.
- Francis Muzzy for his presentation to the 8th grade class on the history of the town of Wentworth as well as a walking tour of the common and historical society.
- Everett Peters of Ashland (Wampanoag Native American) for visiting and sharing his history with grades 4, 5, and 8.
- Julie Panus and Andrew Schalm for extra time in helping the student council with their T Shirt fund raiser.
- Lauren Zimmerman, Phoebe Sanborn, Tanya O'Brien, Ashley Deneau, Deana Toomey for the service learning project work with their students.
- All of the teachers for their input and information for the technology grant and three year technology plan.
- Ethel Gaides for help and expertise in the development of the new three-year technology plan and help in writing the Title IID technology grant.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #23 and #24) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 5:30 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of student information. The vote was unanimous. At 5:50 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to re-enter public session. No action was taken in the non-public session.

At 5:55 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison