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**Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
March 10, 2008
Minutes**

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

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides, Tim Korade

Public Present: Laurie Melanson, Tanya O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

At 6:02 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel. The vote was unanimous. At 6:20 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack for the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark J. Halloran, to petition the Superior Court for a Special District Meeting on the following appropriation:

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement reached between the Wentworth School Board and the Wentworth Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year:	Estimated:
2008-2009	\$21,004
2009-2010	\$22,462

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand four dollars (\$21,004) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required).

The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of January 8, 2008 Budget Work Session, February 11, 2008 Budget Hearing, and February 11, 2008 School Board Meeting – Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the minutes of January 8, 2008 and February 11, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the snow build up which has bowed one of the exterior gym walls. The snow has been removed and it appears there is no further bowing. Jon Francis is in the process of making contact with the insurance company to view the exterior gym walls.

The winter program has come to a close. There were two days missed due to weather that were made up; the last of which occurred on Friday, March 7. This was a school sponsored program as funds for transportation were paid for out of a school grant.

To date the school has had 8 days cancelled due to the weather, 7 delayed openings, and 1 early dismissal. Beginning on Monday, March 10, there is a 15 minute extension to the school day, agreed by the teacher's union, school board, and SAU office. The last day of school will be calculated at a later date. Additionally, it was noted that the school day was increased by 15 minutes at the beginning of the school day (beginning in August).

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

Correspondence – none

Discussion Items— Mr. Korade, SAU #48's Information Technology Director addressed the Board and public regarding computer policy and personal laptop concerns. It was noted that it would cost \$6,000-\$8,000 to set up the infrastructure to support personal laptop use by students at the school. It is not recommended at this time. Updated computer policies will be addressed by Mr. Korade at the SAU #48 May meeting and then brought to the Wentworth School Board for review.

The proposed 2008-2009 calendar was reviewed. Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack the approval of the 2008-2009 calendar as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison to encumber \$14,000 for summer school, technology, and building maintenance. The vote was unanimous.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Andrew Schalm and the student council for all their efforts in putting together a great winter carnival afternoon.
- Members of the Wentworth PTO for the work they have done this year for the school.
- Wentworth School Board for putting together a fiscally responsible budget for 2008-2009.
- Wentworth Highway Department (Bobby Cass) for all his help with snow removal over the break.
- Kevin Patten for allowing Richard Young to use his tracker to remove snow from the side of the building which was creating a wall bowing issue.
- Richard Young, Maria Young, Shawn and Eric Young for all their time they spent removing snow from the side of the building one day during their vacation time.

- Dr. Ethel Gaides (Dr. Suess) for coming to the school to read to grades one through eight students during read across America celebration.

Mr. Morrison recognized Ms. Sullivan and Mrs. Mack for their tireless efforts and expertise during the annual school district meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #30, #31, P/R #20) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 7:15 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel and request of two parents. The vote was unanimous. At 7:45 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session. Mrs. Gaides will respond in writing to one of the parent's requests. Mr. Charpienter will follow-up with a phone call regarding the other parent request. At 7:46 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison