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**Wentworth School Board Meeting Minutes
Wentworth Elementary School
Wentworth, NH
Monday, January 8, 2007**

Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Deb Gelsi

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Others Present: 10 members of the community

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

Among the topics of discussion were Kindergarten tuition (Warren tuition rate will be \$6,000), adding \$1,000 for gifted and talented, and a request for the list of expenses for the 2005-2006 school year for co-curricular and athletics salaries. It was requested that Mr. Charpentier create a list of items for all budget lines that increased by 50% or more. A community member questioned as to the guidance position not reflecting retirement costs. Mrs. Gaides will check on this for the Board. The Board would like a descriptor on the budget lines reflecting retirement to represent the percentage of increase over last year. The Board requested the special education numbers for next year.

After a lengthy discussion regarding summer school, it was requested that a Warrant Article be prepared for summer school of \$5,000. The Board requested sample policies from other elementary schools within SAU #48 on retention.

After a lengthy discussion regarding "operating building services" (new equipment and replacement of equipment) proposed budget, it was requested that a Warrant Article be prepared for phone system, doors, and locks utilizing the capital reserve fund. The school board requested that the balance of the capital reserve fund be noted on the corresponding line. It was requested that Wayne Velk be offered an opportunity to bid on the locks. Mr. Charpentier stated that he received another bid of \$8,297 for the phone system.

The next budget meeting will be held on Monday, January 22 at 5:00 PM. It was requested that the dates/times of the budget meeting, budget hearing, and annual district meeting be placed on Channel 3 and in the newspaper. It was noted by the Board that the information could be placed in the newspaper if there were no costs.

Mr. Morrison called the Board meeting to order at 6:08 PM, seconded by Mrs. Gelsi.

Agenda Review No additions or deletions

Minutes On a motion by Mrs. Gelsi, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the minutes of December 11, 2006 were approved. Vote was unanimous.

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Principal's Report

Mr. Charpentier stated that the basketball team record currently stands at 6 wins and 4 losses.

The Healthy New Hampshire Foundation awarded the Wentworth Elementary School a grant in the sum of \$1,227.18 to increase physical activity and promote healthy eating. Kudo's to Marc Rondeau for writing the grant.

The holiday concert was held on Monday night December 18th was wonderful. Ms. Kolman and her students worked hard to put on a nice evening for the community.

Kudo's to Jeph Fillion, Account Executive for providing free tickets to the Saturday, January 6th Manchester Monarch Hockey Game. The transportation was provided with grant money. Seventy-six (students, parents and staff) attended the evening event which was a celebration of Student Achievement/Recognition.

The ski program started on Friday, January 5th and will run for six weeks. The school has worked out a contract with Cannon Mountain for this year. Students and participants depart from WES at 12:00 noon and return to the school at 5:15 PM.

Kudo's to Richard Young for taking a day over the holiday break to paint the hallways and interior doors of the school. Also, appreciation to Laurie Melanson or all her hard work in making sure that WES is in full compliance regarding student evaluations with our special education population.

Correspondence Report of the Auditor's for Mr. Morrison's signature

Discussion Items

Safety Plan: To be revisited at the February meeting.

Homeless Policy: After discussion, it was moved to accept by Mrs. Mack and seconded by Mr. Morrison. Vote was 2 yes (Mrs. Mack and Mr. Morrison) and 1 no (Mrs. Gelsi).

Recognition and Awards Mr. Charpentier for his work with the Safety Plan and staff members for their after school commitment to the students with the Homework Club.

Privilege of the Floor

Community members discussed the need to have Kindergarten and Preschool at Wentworth Elementary School. The Board said that it was not feasible at this time.

Community members discussed the Reading Teacher position. The Board said that the community could petition the .5 position through a Warrant Article.

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Consent Items

A. Claims and Payroll – A/P #20

At 7:00 PM, Mrs. Gelsi motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to enter into Non-Public session to discuss personnel.

At 7:17 PM, Mrs. Gelsi motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter Public session.

The Board accepted the recommendation of Mr. Charpentier that Dr. Andrew Connery consult with the guidance counselor for the remainder of this school year at a total cost of no more than \$2,700.

At 7:21 PM, Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison