

**Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
Minutes
February 12, 2007**

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack

Administration Present: Ethel Gaides, Keith Charpentier

Others Present: 4 members of the community

At 6:07 PM, the meeting was called to order.

Agenda review – The agenda was reviewed by the Board.

Minutes of January 8, January 22 – On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the minutes of January 8, 2007 and January 22, 2007 were approved.

Principals Report – Mr. Charpentier reported that the boy's Basketball Team's final record stands at 9 wins and 7 losses. The girls had a recent string of victories, (3 out of the last 4 games). It has been a wonderful season to be a spectator. The team will be participating in a postseason tournament in Hanover NH.

The Sixth Grade, along with Ms. Bagley and Mrs. Young, embarked on a 4 day Leaders in Prevention Conference at the National Guard Armory in Center Strafford NH. The students were engaged in a number of seminars designed to enhance leadership skills, relationship building and team work. These skills will be shared at WES. A grant in the sum of \$1,200 per team came via the Teen Institute of NH.

Northern Stage Playwright Project is underway. This unique program is designed to improve reading and writing skills through the study of great works of dramatic literature. From January 29 - April 13, two working playwrights will visit our fifth and sixth grade students. Over the course of five sessions the playwrights will offer lessons designed to complement the school curriculum. A grant of 2,500 was provided from the Northern Stage Theater Company of White River Jct., Vt.

The Pemi-Baker League awarded the Sportsmanship Award to the Wentworth Soccer Team during the 2006 season. Mr. Charpentier expressed his pride for both the student athletes and their coach.

The faculty and staff wish to thank Melody and the PTO for the Ben & Jerry's Coupon & the Hand Cream. Also, thanks to Angela Comeau for the wonderful banana bread.

On January 18th the Wentworth Elementary School had their Title 1 Onsite Visit. This visit was a check on how services are delivered to our students. Feed back from the state was positive.

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NECAP Test results are in. The results show that in most cases (grades), WES did well. There are a few areas that need to be addressed. Mr. Charpentier will be looking over these results at the next faculty meeting.

On February 1st Ms. Elizabeth Becker (Medieval Historian), visited Mr. Blake's 7th grade Social Studies class. This visit was in conjunction with his curriculum studying the medieval period in history.

On Friday February 2nd Mr. Rondeau's physical education classes were treated to a kickboxing demonstration. His sister is a champion kick boxer in the state of Rhode Island with her own school.

On Wednesday February 7th Mr. Schalm, along with two 8th grade students received a \$1,000 check from the Wal-Mart store in Plymouth NH. This donation will go towards off setting the cost of the class trip.

Save the dates:

January 29 - April 13 Project Playwright Program at WES.

February 6th 100th's Day program.

February 7th All-Star basketball game at PRHS 6:00pm.

February 12 School Board Meeting 6:00pm at WES.

February 20 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM at WES.

February 23 Winter Carnival

February 26 - March 2nd Winter Break

Kudo's

To Ms. Bagley & Mrs. Young for their extra time, support, and efforts at the Leaders in Prevention Conference.

To Mr. Schalm, Mr. Rondeau & Mrs. Young for their support in the development of our new Progress Report.

To Mrs. Fryer & Mrs. Gaides for the time they spent during our teacher in service day. They both provided wonderful workshops to our staff. Also, the time they put into our Onsite Visit for Title I.

To Coach Scott Vien and his basketball teams for an outstanding season. I'm very proud of all their dedication, hard work (both on and off the court) and sportsmanship.

To all the members of the School Board and Mrs. Gaides for all their hard work putting together a sound, fiscally responsible budget.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to accept the Principals report.

Correspondence

Mail was distributed

Discussion Items

- A. Progress Report – Information is out for the public on this report so that they could see what it looks like.
- B. Safety Plan – On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to accept the safety plan as written.
- C. Town Request – Janet Woolner asked to use the gym on March 13th to hold elections from 11:00AM – 7:00 PM. On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the request was approved.
- D. Other – The 8th grade are going to Montreal for their trip in June. The board requested an itinerary. Also, the Board stated that back ground checks need to be completed. The Board will cover the costs of these checks.

Recognition and Awards –These recognitions were given by Mr. Charpentier in his Principals report.

Privilege of the Floor #1 – A discussion ensued regarding the hearing.

A Community member had questions about the Title I program. Mrs. Gaides explained that Title IIA, IV and V money needed to be used for Title I last year. Title IIA, IV and V monies will be extremely limited next year, so that we will be only be funding Title I through Title I.

A question regarding the capital reserve was asked from the community. Mrs. Gaides explained the capital reserve fund, and how the money is used for maintenance and grounds.

A Community member asked about safety issues in the school. Mr. Charpentier explained his proposal of a school lock down from inside the rooms, which would also meet the fire safety codes. A discussion ensued regarding a lock on the front door. Mr. Charpentier responded that he is prioritizing the safety issues. Mrs. Gaides explained that there will be a 3 year plan for the school.

Consent Items

Non Public – none

The Board agreed to change the May meeting to May 7th at 5:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle McCauley

**WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BUDGET HEARING
February 12, 2007**

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to enter into the Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM.

Ethel Gaides presented each article. Discussion ensued.

At 8:00 PM, Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to move the budget as presented, which includes all warrant articles, to the March 10th 3:00 PM meeting.

At 8:00 PM, Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides
Assistant Superintendent