

**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of September 8, 2008  
Wentworth Elementary School**

**Board Members Present:** Lee Morrison, Bernice Sullivan, Kathleen Mack

**Administration Present:** Dr. Ethel Gaides, Keith Charpentier

**Public Present:** Andrew Schalm, Phoebe Sanborn, Angela Comeau

Meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m.

**Agenda review and Disposition** – nothing added or deleted

**Minutes** - Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of July 14, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's Report**-Mr. Charpentier proudly announced the following new hires for the 2008/2009 school year; Mrs. Rebecca Robertson: Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Sarah Cormiea: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Beadle: Special Education Teacher, Ms. Karen Nielson: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Aide, Mr. Marc Rondeau: Technology Education, and Student Teacher Ms. Alyssa Satas.

Soccer and Field Hockey practices have started. The new Coach is Dan Medaglia from Rumney. Three of WES girls are playing field hockey with Russell Elementary School.

Opening Week went smoothly. Students and Staff had a wonderful start to the new school year. Our student enrollment is currently at 56, (not including kindergarten which has 10 students).

Go "green" efforts at school have led to paperless daily announcements. All staff development requests are being submitted electronically along with Curriculum Mapping. Information is being updated on WES website as needed.

The 5-year building improvement plan is moving along nicely. There have been many physical and technological upgrades. The following is a list improvements done this summer:

Front stairs installed with railings, up-grades to the boys and girls bathrooms, asbestos abatement in the nurse's office, hallways and bathrooms, replacement tiles in the hallways, bathrooms, and nurse's office, 12 new computers in the media center, window shades in all

classrooms, LCD projectors, screens and lap top computers in all classrooms, new installation of desk, carpet and cabinets in main office, repainted classroom and hallways, and repair to chimney and gym walls.

IMPORTANT DATES: August 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of School  
September 1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day/ No School  
September 6<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting for Teachers' Contracts  
September 8<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting  
September 9<sup>th</sup> All school field trip to Squam Lakes Science Center and Rattlesnake Mt. Hike  
September 19<sup>th</sup> Highland Games Field Trip 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> School Pictures

#### KUDOS

To Mr. Richard Young for all of his work preparing the building for opening day. The building looks great.

To Eric Young for volunteering a lot of time this summer helping get the building ready for the beginning of school. Thank you.

To Mr. Jon Francis for his attention to details as well as all the work he did keeping all the vendors on their timetable in order to get the work done on time for school to open in August.

To all the vendors for their outstanding work.

To Marc Rondeau for making sure all the new computers in the lab were set up and ready to go for opening day.

To all the faculty and staff of WES for their loyalty, commitment and dedication to this school and its children.

To those community members that attended Saturday's special meeting to vote on the new teachers contracts. Thank you for your support.

#### **Correspondence** - none

**Discussion Items** – Dr. Gaides spoke with both Mr. Halloran and Mr. Korade with regard to Mr. Rondeau and the technology needs at WES. All agree that Mr. Rondeau can take care of the daily technical needs at school without consent from Mr. Korade. Mr. Korade supports the network/server infrastructure, not the daily technical issues.

Discussion ensued regarding Wentworth Elementary School bringing Kindergarten back for the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Charpentier is investigating the cost of an addition and what could be expected from State funding.

**Privilege of the Floor #1-** Angela Comeau asked how often classroom observations happened and by whom. Mr. Charpentier explained that observations were once a year and done by himself. Ms. Comeau also asked if the Superintendent participated in the classroom observations. Dr. Gaides explained that it is the role of the principal to do classroom observations. Dr. Gaides does classroom walkthroughs whenever she visits WES.

**Privilege of the Floor #2-** Andy Schalm thanked the School Board Members and Mr. Charpentier for their support. Mr. Schalm also invited all to the Explore the Density of the Human Body at school on Friday.

**Consent Items** – None

**Non-Public Session** – On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session at 5:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel.

At 5:30, it was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Morrison to return to public session and adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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School Board Secretary

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