

**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of November 17, 2008  
Wentworth Elementary School**

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

**Administration Present:** Keith Charpentier, Jon Francis, Ethel Gaides

**Public Present:** Tristan Blake, Sarah Cormier, Angela Borger, Karen Wheeler

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM

**Agenda review and Disposition** – As posted.

**Minutes of October 20, 2008** School Board Meeting - Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of October 20, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's report** – Mr. Charpentier distributed his principal's report. He reported on Red Ribbon Week, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Plymouth Senior Center to serve lunch, basketball practice, and that 250 plus non-perishable food items were collected to donate to the Warren/Wentworth food bank on Friday, November 21. The enrollment for Kindergarten will be surveyed through the Wentworth newsletter, web site, and newspaper. Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

**Correspondence** – A memo on the Wentworth Tax Rate Analysis and the preliminary 2009-2010 school budget were distributed.

**Discussion Items** –

Mr. Jon Francis presented the Kindergarten construction plan. The total estimate of the project would be at \$373,000 which includes \$12,000 for the furnishings and equipment. It would be an additional estimated cost of \$25,000 for a metal roof. Mr. Francis discussed the location of the Kindergarten room (with drawings). We need to submit a timeline to the New Hampshire Department of Education by December 5 in regards to obtaining a Kindergarten Construction Grant. We will estimate 8 Kindergarten students each year for the next five years based on the average of the last three years of classes.

Kindergarten Construction Grants cover 75% of the costs of kindergarten facilities, architect's fees directly related to kindergarten classroom construction; site preparation direction related to kindergarten classroom construction; and initial classroom equipment for the kindergarten

program. The Commissioner of Education will notify the district relative to the approval of the grant within 45 days of receipt of the grant request.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to move ahead with the construction plans to be sent to the state for approval. The vote was unanimous.

The preliminary 2009-2010 budget was given to the School Board for review. It did not include the kindergarten facility. The preliminary budget does include .5 Kindergarten teacher. A full time nurse, increased transportation, and associated costs were discussed due to the needs of the special education population for 2009-2010. The School Board requested that there be two budgets prepared: Budget A to include the Kindergarten facility and associated costs; Budget B to include the costs to tuition and transport Kindergarten students to a public kindergarten program within SAU #48 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Recognition and Awards** – Mr. Charpentier recognized several faculty and staff members, the PTO president, Jon Francis, students and staff for efforts in collecting the food items, and Mr. Randy Morrison for donating a cord of firewood to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class as a raffle for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

**Privilege of the Floor** – Parents discussed supervision of the playground with Mr. Charpentier and the School Board. The PTA is looking into providing the school with radio communication.

**Consent Items** – Claims and Payroll were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 6:35 PM it was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to enter into Nonpublic Session to discuss personnel. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:15 PM it was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mrs. Mack to enter Public Session. The vote was unanimous. Mrs. Mack moved and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the resignation of Mrs. Hammond with regret. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Morrison moved and seconded by Ms. Mack to deny the request for an employee's child to transfer to Wentworth Elementary School. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:20 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

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