

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

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

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

**Public Present:** 2 teachers: Mr. Brian Fairbanks and Mrs. Dorothy Beadle

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

**Minutes of November 17, 2008** School Board Meeting - Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of November 17,2008 . The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's report** – The basketball season is off to a great start with enough athletes for both a boys' and girls' team. The current record is 2 wins and 0 loss for both the boys' and girls' teams. This year's winter program will be underway in January. Each Thursday will have 44 students participating in the program. Ms. Sullivan moved to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

**UPCOMING:**

December 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Concert @6:30 WES Gym

December 23<sup>rd</sup> ½ day

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Break

**Recognition and Awards**-Mr. Charpentier gave kudos to Dr. Ethel Gaides for all her extra time and energy helping the administration put the final touches on the kindergarten building project and EDIES paperwork.

To Mr. Brian Fairbanks for all his energy he has put into this year's holiday concert.

To Mrs. Sarah Cormiea and her 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for a very nice interdisciplinary social studies unit. Her students reading skills and presentations to the younger grades were a pleasure to be a part of.

To the WES PTO for their financial support of this year's winter program. The school was not fortunate enough to receive a grant for the transportation cost and the PTO helped defer these expenses.

**Correspondence - NONE**

**Discussion Items** –review and discussion of budget

- A Lengthy discussion ensued regarding kindergarten. For the 2009 – 2010 school year, there is a proposal for a kindergarten program at Wentworth Elementary School, with costs to Wentworth totaling \$136,074.00 (if the state kindergarten construction grant is approved). The school board asked that Mr. Petrin check on bond rates for \$100,000 over five or more years.

An alternative proposal is for the projected ten kindergarten students to attend Plymouth Elementary School’s kindergarten program totaling \$94,000.00 (tuition and transportation).

- Discussion ensued regarding adopting a policy for lice. Mr. Charpentier developed a proposed policy and distributed it to the school board for review as a first reading.

**Privilege of the Floor – NONE**

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

At 7:22 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 7:40 PM it was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to enter into Public Session. The vote was unanimous. No action was taken in Nonpublic Session.

At 7:45 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany A. Mohan,  
School Board Secretary