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**Wentworth School Board  
Minutes of April 13, 2009  
Wentworth Elementary School**

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

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

**Public Present:** Tonya O'Brien, Dorothy Beadle, Dr. Gerald Buteau

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mrs. Mack nominated Lee Morrison to serve as School Board Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous. Congratulations Mr. Morrison!

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

**Kindergarten Presentation** - Dr. Buteau presented to the board his background and willingness to help with kindergarten registration.

**Minutes of January 12, 2009** School Board Meeting - Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of March 9, 2009. The vote was unanimous.

**Principal's report** – Mr. Charpentier was sad to report this year WES will not have any spring sports. The number of student athletes will not support a program. Russell Elementary School has extended an invitation to our students to participate on their teams. However, our students have declined this invitation.

The kindergarten project is moving ahead slowly. There have been several meetings with vendors, contractors, and the architect. No date has been set for the start of the construction.

Many applications have arrived for the current teaching positions we have openings for. There are several screening committees looking over resumes. We will be starting the interviewing process soon. The following positions are being screened:

Guidance Counselor

Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math & Science

Congratulations go out to Katelyn Heath this year's nomination for Project Playwright. Her play, **Just Another Happy Ending** will be performed at Northern Stage in White River Junction, Vermont. We are very proud of her. Chris Comeau (last year's winner) and Aaron Evans plays received honorable mentions.

Congratulations also goes out to Aaron Evans who was selected as an honorable mention for his story, **How the Fox Got It's Colors** from the Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators contest.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

April 17<sup>th</sup> all school field trip to Holderness Central School to watch a play

April 20-24 Spring Break

May 1<sup>st</sup> Progress Reports go home

**Recognition and Awards:** Mr. Charpentier gives Kudos to all the parents, students and teachers for their extra effort during student – led Conferences. It was a huge success. This year the school added digital portfolios as part of the conference.

Also to **all** members of WES for making AYP in all grade levels and all cohort groups for the fourth year in a row. Congratulations to **everyone** job well done.

Ms. Sullivan moved to accept the Principal's Report, seconded by Mr. Morrison. The vote was unanimous.

**Correspondence** – AYP Documents

**Discussion Items** – Mr. Charpentier shared with the board the plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip and handed out the itinerary for the trip to New York City, scheduled for June 7, 8, and 9. Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to accept the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip Itinerary. The vote was unanimous.

Personnel was reserved for non-public.

The school board requests that bids for the kindergarten construction be advertised in the newspaper.

Mr. Charpentier shared with the school board the costs of abating the remaining parts of the building which still have asbestos.

Concerns were discussed with regard to the fire inspection report and changes with current compliance regulations

Teacher and Staff Contracts were signed.

**Recognition and Awards** – none

**Privilege of the Floor** – None

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

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to enter Non-Public session at 6:25pm.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, the Wentworth School Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany A. LaPointe,  
School Board Secretary