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**Wentworth School Board
Minutes of September 12, 2011
Wentworth Elementary School**

Board Members Present: Steve Davis, Francis Muzzey, Kathleen Mack

Administration Present: Ms. Kathleen Boyle, Mr. Keith Charpentier

Public Present: Marni Kozak and Deb Gelsi

Teachers Present: Erin Newton, Nicholas Gagnon

Mr. Davis made a motion to call the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. , Seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Discussion item 1. Dog program moved to number 6. Mrs. Muzzey added number 5. Teacher hiring procedures. Claims and payroll moved to after privilege of the floor.

At this time discussion ensued regarding the increase in the cost of school breakfast and lunch. Ms.Gelsi is very angry at the current prices and wants an explanation of why the cost has gone up. Mr. Muzzey is requesting a breakdown of the costs of lunch.

Ms.Gelsi and Mrs. Kozak are angry regarding the July and August school board meetings. They felt notification of meetings was not sufficient.

Minutes of June 9, 2011, June 13, 2011, July 18,2011 and August 18, 2011 School Board Meetings: Mr. Muzzey mad a motion to accept the Minutes of June 9, 2011, Seconded by Mr. Davis. All were in favor. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 13, 2011, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor. Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 18,2011, seconded by Mr. Davis. Mr. Muzzey Abstained. The minutes of August 8, 2011 insert the word “stated” after Mr. Davis and before he would. Mr. Muzzey made a motion to accept the minutes of August 8, 2011 as amended, seconded by Mr. Davis. Mrs. Mack abstained.

Principal’s Report: ATTACHED

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the principal’s report of September 12, 2011, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Old Business – Mr. Davis would request looking into getting an emergency generator at the school.

Correspondence - none

Discussion Items-

1. Mr. Charpentier gave an overview of a proposed dog program to be brought to school. Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the program, seconded by Mr. Davis. Mr. Muzzey abstained. The board request that letters be sent home about the program.
2. Food Service –The State is mandating all schools raise prices of school breakfast and lunch to match the cost of free and reduced lunches. The public is encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunch. Mr. Davis, the parent and students all agree that the food is good. It is mentioned that there is no waste due to the made to order system in place. Adult lunches are at a cost higher than student lunches.

3. Purchasing Policy – The board reviewed a draft purchasing policy. Mr. Muzzey does not like the draft. Mr. Muzzey feels the school board should make purchasing decisions. Discussion ensued with regard to getting school board approval on purchases over a certain amount. The school board will draw up their own proposed purchasing policies to be reviewed and discussed next month.
4. Kitchen Use Policy- revisit next month.
5. Teacher Hiring Procedures- Mr. Muzzey disapproves of the current procedures for hiring teachers.

Privilege of the Floor – Mrs. Kozak is not happy with the current teacher for her child and is upset there was a change in the teacher for that class over the summer. Mrs. Gelsi is unhappy with this choice as well and both would like a change in teacher assignments.

Claims and Payroll – signed by the board

Mr. Davis made a motion to into non public at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.

Mr. Davis made a motion to end non public and adjourn at 7:30, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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School Board Secretary