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Wentworth School Board Minutes of August 23, 2010 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mrs. Mack

Public Present: Ellie Murray, Angela Comeau

Teachers Present: Erin Newton

Agenda Review and Disposition: Nothing added or deleted

Minutes of June 14, 2010 and June 23,2010 School Board Meetings: Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report: next page

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack . The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence - The board accepts the resignation of Chairman Lee Morrison with great regret. Kathleen Mack and Bernice Sullivan will serve as co-chairs.

Thank you note from Ashley Shuffleton

Cyber bullying policy handed out for review and will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

Discussion Items- The board will review the recommended changes as suggested by the School District Attorney and will be discussed at September meeting.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mack to encumber \$30,000.00 for building maintenance.

All future school board meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m.. The October School Board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday the 13th at 5:00 p.m..

The board made a change to the WES school calendar change September 7 and 14, 2010 half days and closing school on November 2, 2010 and adding a day to the end of the school year in June.

Privilege of the Floor – Angela Comeau spoke of the WES sign at front of school is in need of repair and discussion ensued as to repairing the current sign or if it should be replaced.

Mr. Charpentier appreciates the input and support of the public and the school board.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to enter Non- Public Session at 6:00 p.m. and met privately with a teacher. At 6: 50 p.m., The Board had Non – Public session with Mr. Charpentier and Dr. Gaides.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to end Non-Public at 6:52p.m. and re enter into public session.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the nomination of Linda Farnsworth for food service aide. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:53p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of September 13, 2010 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present: Kathleen Boyle, Mr. Keith Charpentier

Public Present: None

Teachers Present: Erin Newton

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mrs. Mack

Agenda Review and Disposition: Nothing added or deleted

Minutes of August 23, 2010 School Board Meetings: Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report: It was a great start to the school year. WES has 66 students in attendance. Back in 2006, the school population was 52. Mr. Charpentier stated that the community should be very proud of its school, its teachers & its students.

Mr. Charpentier shared with the board that 6 out of 11-7th & 8th grade students are eligible to participate in the John Hopkins Talent Search program. In order for the students to participate, a student MUST score a 4 (proficient with distinction) on the NECAPS. Mr. Charpentier is very proud of these fine young men and women.

Dan Medaglia will be returning as the soccer coach this year. Practice started on Wednesday, September 1st. There is a good size team this year (15 players including home school students). First game is schedule for Monday, September 13th @ RES.

The LSA (Learning School Alliance) Team had their first Webinar of the year. It was very productive. This year the focus is each school giving a presentation on the school's professional goals and to give and receive feedback on improvements and praise.

On Thursday, August 26,th the faculty & staff of WES participated in a workshop on Social Networking & Cyberbullying presented by Detective Jennifer Frank of the PSU Campus Police.

In an effort to develop a more cohesive PLC (Professional Learning Community) this year, each member of the teaching staff will be providing a presentation @ each faculty meeting. These presentations will run approximately 15 / 20 minutes in length. The teacher can choose any topic they wish to present on.

On Thursday, September 9,th Mike Currier, a clinical social worker from PRHS, provided a presentation to parents during the open house discussing the bullying law that took effect July 1st. He provided a lot of good information on this topic. This was an informative presentation that accompanied brochures for parents on both the law and social networking issues.

Save the dates:

September 3rd & 6th No school Labor Day

September 7th – 30thth NWEA testing Grades 3 – 8

September 9th Open House @ 6:00pm

September 12th ½ day NH Primary voting

September 13th School Board meeting @ 5:00pm

September 16th Grades K 1 & 2 Beans & Greens Farm Stand in Gilford NH

September 17th Grades 4 – 6 Highland Games Loon Mt.

September 20th School Picture Day

Mr. Charpentier told all members of the WES Learning Community that they did a nice job getting the building and the classrooms ready for the students.

Mr. Charpentier thanked Detective Jennifer Frank, member of the PSU Campus Police, for the valuable time she spent at WES.

He thanked Marc Rondeau for providing a workshop on ipads and all the functions of this new teaching tool.

He thanked Mike Currier for the time he spent with the parents during Open House.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence - Mr. Charpentier was asked if a Planet Aid box for donations could be left at the school. The board would prefer not to have it at this time.

Senator Deb Reynolds asks Mr. Charpentier if the School Board would allow a meeting to be held in late October at Wentworth Elementary School for a presentation of the Broadband grant. The board is in agreement.

The music teacher is putting together a proposal for the possible to take the class to the Great East Festival held a Canobie Lake Park in June. The board will review information at the time in which it is presented.

Discussion Items- After review of the recommended changes on the Tuition Policy, Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the Tuition Policy, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

There was a discussion about developing a bullying policy.

Mr. Charpentier distributed a copy of an article of WES in The New Hampshire Journal of Education.

Privilege of the Floor - None

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session at 5:44 p.m.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to enter into public session at 5:55p.m.

The board accepted letters from Dorothy Beadle and Ashley Shuffleton in regards to track changes.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of October 18, 2010 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

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

Public Present: Eleanor Murray

Teachers Present: Erin Newton, Nick Gagnon

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan

Agenda Review and Disposition: Presentation added to the top of the agenda. Nick Gagnon gave a video presentation on the new Wentworth Elementary School Mission Statement and a PowerPoint presentation on student self efficacy.

Principal's Report: Mr. Charpentier reported that the soccer season has come to a close. The final team record stands at 3 - 5 -1.

Recently, WES held their student government elections. The following students have successfully campaigned for their positions:

President Christopher Comeau, **Vice President** Luke Merluzzi, **Secretary** Parker Hogan, **Treasurer** Carly Merluzzi

WES continues to have a positive relationship with PSU. This semester, WES has four students observing several of our classrooms in special education, regular education, and art education. WES teachers have been wonderful educational role models for these Plymouth students.

Several of the classes have embarked on field trips to date. Grades K, 1, and 2 went to Gilford to the Beans & Greens Farm for a day of fall activities. Grades 4, 5, & 6 returned to the Highland Games in Lincoln and 7th & 8th grades are once again participating in the AMC overnight in Crawford Notch.

The LSA Team, as well as the entire WES faculty & staff, have submitted documentation for consideration for the Shirley Hord Learning Team Award sponsored by the NSDC (National Staff Development Council). Every member of the learning committee had input in the process. The deadline was September 25th. WES will be notified in November regarding the outcome. It has been a wonderful learning experience. The focus for entry was to re-write our school's mission statement.

WES has started the annual non-perishable food drive to support the Warren / Wentworth food pantry. The goal is to collect 250 of these items. If the school meets this goal the administration will buy the whole school pizza. The food items will be given to the pantry prior to Thanksgiving break.

Starting on Tuesday, October 5th, and running for the next three Tuesdays, author Rich Agran will be working with all the students on developing their own short stories. Karen Flynn wrote the Friends of the Arts Program grant last year for this artist in residence.

The student council has taken on a Service Learning Project to repaint the school sign. With the help of Richard Young, Kevin Patten, and Mr. Blake this project is underway. The goal is to have this completed before the snow flies.

NECAP testing has begun and will end on Friday October 22nd. The goal is to always meet AYP. (Annual Yearly Progress) outlined by the federal NCLB (No Child Left Behind) mandate.

Save the dates:

October 6th – 21st NECAP Testing grades 3 – 8

Kudos'

A thank you goes out to the members of the Mission Statement Committee (Dottie Beadle, Tristan Blake, Nick Gagnon, and Keith Charpentier) that worked so hard with the feedback from the staff & faculty to produce a final product.

A very special thanks to Dr. Ethel Gaides for her continued guidance and skill in the written aspect of the application for the Shirley Hord Learning Team Award and Nick Gagnon for his expertise in the development of the video.

To Erin Newton for the amount of extra time and flexibility she demonstrated while several of our staff where out of the building due to illness. Also, to all the teachers whose schedules were affected.

To Karen Flynn for her grant writing skills with artist in residence this fall.

To Coach Dan Medaglia for another successful soccer season.

To the members of the Wentworth Fire Department Chief Jeff Ames, Jr. Davis, Peter Chierichetti and Chris Ball for the presentation they gave during Fire Prevention Week.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack . The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of September 13, 2010 and September 17, 2010 School Board Meeting: Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence - The fiscal year end report distributed to the school board and the DOE MS-25 was signed by the board.

Discussion Items- proposed technology plan was reviewed by the board. Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the technology plan as amended, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

The board approved a first reading of the following policies: Employee use of school networking websites policy School district internet access for students policy Data/records retention Instructional materials/resources Information and communication technologies program

Mr. Charpentier shared with the board his concerns with security of doors within the school and the changes he would like to make. The board approved encumbering up to \$7, 580 for security improvements.

Privilege of the Floor – Ellie Murray requested heat be on in the building on Election Day.

Wentworth Elementary School will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 10, 2010.

The board will schedule a reading of the bullying policy for the November school board meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into non-public session at 6:25 p.m.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to come out of public session and adjourn at 7:00p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of November 19, 2010 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan **Administration Present:** Ethel Gaides, Keith Charpentier

Public Present: 18 members of the school community

Teachers Present: Phoebe Sanborn, Sarah Cormiea

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Privilege of the floor was moved up on the agenda. It will follow the principal's report.

Minutes of October 18, 2010 School Board Meeting: Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report: Mr. Charpentier reported that the food pantry drive was a success. The school's goal was reached with 250 items. Students in the band marched in the Veteran's Day parade. The Thanksgiving Day dinner was a huge success with 150 in attendance.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack . The vote was unanimous.

Claims and Payroll A/P #21 was circulated and approved by the School Board members.

Privilege of the Floor:

A member of the public discussed concerns regarding a bus driver. Residents felt that they should not have to live in fear of the bus driver. The school is liable for the children. Residents wanted a letter in writing from the school bus company that the driver will not be driving a bus in Wentworth. Mr. Charpentier said that he called the bus company each and every time there were complaints. Several members of the community spoke to issues they have had with the bus company. They requested that the school board break the contract. The school board requested that Mrs. Gaides seek a legal opinion regarding breaking the contract. The school board's response to the public: "We will look into other options."

There was a lengthy discussion regarding alleged bullying at the school. Some members of the public feel there is no documentation and that nothing has been solved with complaints. Ms. Sullivan responded "Behavioral policies have been in place. We take it seriously. The school investigates and deals with all issues. Bullying is not acceptable."

Another member of the public spoke regarding bullying laws that are followed at the school. The principal interviews everyone involved with any alleged bullying issues. The state police stated that the alleged bullying issues were unfounded. A member of the public stated that Wentworth Elementary School is a great school with great teachers, kids, and principal.

Mr. Charpentier informed the community of the staff training components in regards to the new bullying law. Malcolm Smith was the keynote speaker for all staff in August. Jen Frank and Mike Currier have followed up with speaking engagements for the staff and community.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board unanimously voted to enter into non-public session at 4:15 p.m. to meet with a set of parents without administration present.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into public session at 5:45 p.m. No action was taken in non-public session.

Discussion Items:

The Board approved a 2nd reading of the following policies:
Employee use of social networking websites
School district internet access for students
Data/records retention
Instructional materials/resources
Information and communication technologies program

The Bullying and Cyberbullying Policy was adopted unanimously by the School Board. The School Board requested that the policy be mailed home to each family and be placed on the school website.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter non-public session at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of personnel.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter public session at 6:55 p.m. The School Board accepted the resignation of Karen Flynn.

The School Board adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ethel Gaides, Assistant Superintendent

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of December 8, 2010 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session at 5:01 p.m to discuss a student issue.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Mack

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of December 13, 2010 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

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

Public Present: various members of the public **Teachers Present:** Erin Newton, Phoebe Sanborn

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan

Agenda Review and Disposition: Dr. Gaides added to Nonpublic # 2. Student issue.

Minutes of November 19, 2010 School Board Meeting: Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous

Principal's Report:

The search for a Library / Media replacement has ended. Julie Quesnell started on Tuesday December 7th. She has just completed her student teaching from PSU. She brings to WES a wealth of knowledge in the area of Technology as well as Media Education.

Basketball season is underway. The team record thus far stands at Boys 2 losses 1 win Girls 3 losses 0 wins. It's still early in the season.

Save the dates:

December 3rd Report Cards go home

December 5 – 8 NSDC Ann. Conference. Atlanta Ga. Nick, Erin K, Keith and Ethel

December 13th School Board meeting @ 5:00 pm

December 15th Holiday concert @ 6:00 pm

December 21st Ginger Bread house making after school December 23rd ½ day

December 24th – January 2nd No School Winter Break.

Kudos'

To Rachel Xavier who filled in for the media position while we did our search. She has done a great job.

A big thank-you goes out to Mr. Blake and the members of the Student Council as well as Kevin Patten for all the work on the school sign. It looks great.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack . The vote was unanimous.

Claims and Payroll - signed by the board

Correspondence - Dr. Gaides distributed a draft schedule for the budget hearing and district meetings. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion Items- Draft budget for 2011-2012 was distributed and reviewed. There were questions regarding actual expenses. The school board would like the budget at 10% and Dr. Gaides advised this would result in position cuts. The principal's salary came into discussion. Also Selectman, Steve Davis stated the snow plowing and lawn maintenance funds could be removed from the budget stating that the town takes care of those items.

The school board notified the public that it would cost \$150,000.00 to get out of the contract with Robertson Transit. There are two more years remaining on the current contract.

Mr. Charpentier is not positive there will be a winter program this year. There may not be enough students signed up.

Privilege of the Floor – Kevin Wheeler questioned Mr. Charpentier on his integrity and requested that newspaper articles be removed from the bulletin board. The school board advised Mr. Charpentier to remove the articles.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session at 7:12 p.m.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into non-public session with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler at 7:35 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of January 10, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

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

Public Present: various members of the public

Teachers Present: Erin Newton & Erin Kindl

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan

Agenda Review and Disposition: Mr. Charpentier added to Nonpublic # 2. Student issue. Discussion items added: plowing and winter program.

Minutes of December 8, 2010 and December 13, 2010 School Board Meetings: Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous

Principal's Report: Basketball season has come to a close. The team's final record stand @ Boys 8 losses 2 win, Girls @ 9 losses 0 wins. This was a rebuilding year for WES. These student athletes played hard together and ALWAYS had a positive sportsmanship attitude.

Over the winter break doors were moved and a new keyless safety locks system was installed in the front of the building as well as two other doors in the school. WES is now a very secure building for our students and staff.

Save the dates:

December 23rd ½ day

December 24th – January 3rd No School Winter Break

January 7th School Board meeting @ 9:30 am Non-public

January 10th School Board meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 14th No School in-service day

January 17th No School Civil Rights Day

January 21st Progress Reports go home

January 24th PRHS Move Up Night for 8th grade 6:00 pm

February 2nd SAU 48 All Star Basketball Game. 6:00 pm

Kudos'

To the School Board for approving the safety doors for the building.

To Julie Quesnell for all her extra time over the winter break working on the Computer Lab and laptop cart.

To coach Ed Crane and his student athletes. It was a wonderful season to be a spectator.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack . The vote was unanimous.

Claims and Payroll – signed by the board

Correspondence - Dr. Gaides distributed to the board copies of the 2009/2010 budget expenditure report.

Discussion Items- Draft #2budget for 2011-2012 was distributed and reviewed. In response to last month's request for the budget to be at 10% this draft is at 8.90%.

Discussion ensued regarding special education students being tuitioned to the preschool in Plymouth.

With regard to the new safety doors being installed, Mrs. Borger made mention that she would have liked notification of the change. Mr. Charpentier advised that letters had gone home. Mrs. Newton expressed that the new system works great.

There was discussion regarding combining the 7th and 8th grades for next year. As well as how many aides will be needed next year. Another classroom aide is needed for the combined classroom. The board is adding the cost of one aide to the budget.

Mr. Charpentier spoke with Kathy at the town regarding whether the school or the town pays for snow plowing. Kathy does not have an answer at this time but will look into it and get back to Mr. Charpentier in the next day or two.

Mrs. Young questioned whether \$1.00 is enough in the repair and maintenance line. After discussion the board agreed on \$2,000 in that line.

Mr. Charpentier spoke with someone at the Rumney Bible Conference where the students are invited to have winter program on the conference grounds. Activities would be ice skating, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and tubing. The program would run for either 4 or 6 weeks. Mrs. Borger asked if the board would be able to assist with the transportation or would the financial responsibility fall on the parents. The board advised Keith to move forward with prospect of attending depending on final cost of transportation.

Dr. Gaides reviewed a sample of wording a warrant article regarding adequacy. The school board agreed to include the article

Privilege of the Floor – None

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session at 6:20 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to come out of non-public and adjourn at 7:45 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of January 18, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

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

Public Present: various members of the public

Teachers Present: Erin Newton

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Ms. Sullivan

Agenda Review and Disposition: nothing added or deleted

Discussion Items- review of Draft # 3 Budget: the school board agreed to add a full time aide to the budget, and \$2,000.00 back into maintenance and repairs.

If there is an increase of adequate education funding from the state, the board recommended a warrant article to raise and appropriate funds to be voted on by the public.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to move draft 3 of the budget to the budget hearing dated February 7, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Mack. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor – Mrs. Borger would like parents and community members to alternate coming to school board meetings and electronically share information for the public to better build communication between the public and the board.

There will be no winter program this year as transportation is not affordable. Discussion ensued regarding fund raising for winter program in the future.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into non public at 6:05p.m..

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to re enter into public session and adjourn at 6:30p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of February 14, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

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

Public Present: various members of the public

Teachers Present: Sarah Heath-Cormiea and Tanya O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Mrs. Mack

Agenda Review and Disposition: Nothing added or deleted

Minutes of January 10, 2011 and January 18, 2011 School Board Meetings: Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report: During the month of February classroom meetings took place in order to discuss "lock down" procedures with the students. With the recent safety upgrades it was time to practice this drill much like fire drills. Students and their teachers practice within their classroom and a full school "lockdown" will be conducted during the month.

WES is in its final year with NSDC (learning forward) & the LSA. The monthly Webinar feature schools presenting PD issues where by feedback is provided in order to foster growth. These sessions continue to be very productive. WES's presentation was on the development of the schools new mission statement and

how this will help with curriculum development and implementation for the foreseeable future.

Save the dates:

February 2nd SAU 48 All Star Basketball Game. @ 6:00 pm

February 7th School Budget Hearing @ 6:00 pm

February 11th 100th Day Celebration

February 14th School Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm

February 28th – March 4th Winter break

March 8th local voting @ WES and Town Meeting @ 7:00 pm

March 11th 2nd Trimester ends

March 18th 2nd Trimester Report Cards go home

March 12th School District Meeting @ 3:00 pm

March 24th half day of school for students – student- led- conferences in PM

March 25th No school for students- student- led - conferences

Kudos'

To Mr. Marc Rondeau for the 20 donated Dell Computers he was able to secure from PSU. He will be slowly replacing the outdated ones with this newer model. They have been installed with windows VII software.

To Chris Ball, Calbe Brown & Sam Crane (Boys All Star Team) and Mollie Brown, Rachel Archibald & Rebekah Crane (Girls All Star Team) for a job well done @ the All Star Basketball games held at PRHS.

To Mr. Blake and the members of the student council for a great 100 days of school event. The hour-long activity's where fun and educational.

To Erin Kindl and her 2nd grade class. Your plays were exciting to be a part of. Thanks

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mrs. Mack . The vote was unanimous.

Claims and Payroll – signed by the board

Correspondence - salary survey distributed to the school board. Also distributed updated information on preschool.

Discussion Items- review of 2011-2012 school calendar tabled until next month.

Historical perspective: data regarding special education costs and principal costs for informational purposes for the board.

Privilege of the Floor – Ed Crane asked for explanation on Article 5 so that he could better understand how to vote on March 12th

Carla asked when parents will find out who the teachers will be for students for next year and she would like to express that she appreciates Mr. Gagnon as a teacher.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to enter into Non-Public session at 5:46 p.m.

On a Motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to re-enter into public session at 6:25p.m.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the nomination of Erika Clark for grade 3 / 4 classroom aide. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of March 14, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kathleen Mack, Francis Muzzey

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

Public Present: various members of the public

Teachers Present: Erin Newton, Phoebe Sanborn, Nick Gagnon,

Sarah Cormiea, Ashley Oakes

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Dr. Gaides.

Dr. Gaides announced that the meeting will be audio taped.

Election of school board Chairpersons will be equally shared by all 3 members of the school board Kathleen Mack, Steve Davis and Francis Muzzey.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Dr. Gaides deleted from non public #1, Personnel. This will be scheduled at a later date.

Minutes of February 14, 2011 School Board Meeting: Ms. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes, also seconded by Mrs. Mack. The vote was unanimous

Principal's Report: Mr. Charpentier would like to thank Ms. Bernice Sullivan for her 5 years of dedicated service as a School Board Member. Her hard work, sound decision making and passion for education help move WES in a wonderful direction. THANK YOU

On Thursday February 24th, WES celebrated its annual Winter Carnival. This year, as an added educational twist, Mr. Blake was able to arrange a visit from Mrs. Peggy Grass, a local "Musher", to come and speak to the school about this sport. It was a positive experience for all of the school community.

On March 7th, Mr. Blake's 7th grade class celebrated its annual Medieval Day. Ms. Elizabeth Becker, Medieval historian, spent the morning with these students engaged in several educational activities related to this time period.

Save the dates:

March 8th Local voting @ WES and Town Meeting @ 7:00 pm

March 11th 2nd Trimester ends

March 18th 2nd Trimester Report Cards go home

March 12th School District Meeting @ 3:00 pm

March 24th half day of school for students – student- led- conferences in PM

March 25th No school for students- student- led – conferences

*** This date is up for discussion for possible snow make up day

April 21st Academic Fair Night @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm

April 25 – 29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break

May 27th Grades 7/8 band to Canobie Lake

May 30th NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

June 3rd Tentative Semi-formal Dance

Kudos'

To Mrs. Clark for all her extra time putting the level library back in order. This was not an easy task.

To Ms. Elizabeth Becker for the time she spent with the 7th grade during Medieval Day. This was a great day of history lessons for students.

To Mrs. Peggy Grass for the time she spent with the students and for the wealth of knowledge she shared with students on the sport of mushing.

Ms. Mack made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mr. Muzzey . The vote was unanimous.

Claims and Payroll – signed by the board

Correspondence - none

Discussion Items-

- 1. Truancy Policy first reading- Dr. Gaides gave brief explanation of the policy.
- 2. 2011-2012 school calendar- Mr. Muzzey expressed the desire to incorporate Washington's Birthday into Feb 22, 2012. A parent stated that it is a tough time to request time off because other schools are on vacation that week and WES students are off the following week. Debate ensued on having a ½ day of school for voting. Parents would like students to stay in school and find another location for voting. It was suggested that one of the ½ days in service days be moved to the ½ day voting day to make the other day a full day of school. The calendar will be reviewed again at next month's meeting.
- **3.** Other Business- Dr. Gaides would like to request a March 28th non public meeting for personnel, on the condition that Mr. Davis can make the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor — Angela Comeau would like to thank the educators in the building. She feels they all are outstanding and would like to see them all finish their careers at Wentworth Elementary School. Mrs. Comeau noted that she has not seen any notification for the Read Across America program. Mrs. Newton stated that Read Across America has been cancelled in NH and they are celebrating Dr. Seuss. Mrs. Comeau had questions regarding transportation for the 8th grade trip as far as bus vs. personal transportation. Dr. Gaides will bring the RSA on transportation for the April meeting. She also asked if the curriculum for physical education is available to the public. Ethel advised that it is on the SAU website. Mrs. Comeau would also like to know where the current physical education teacher is in the curriculum in respect to other schools.

Marni Kozak inquired about any amount of money needed to start a PTO. Mrs. Kozak would like to have a PTO started and would like to use the program to get the ski program running. She would also like the ski and snowboard program to be at a mountain that has an adaptive program.

Angela Comeau asked how many snow days that WES needs to make up. WES has 6 and they do have to make them all up. She made a suggestion to cover 3 to 5 days during April vacation. Her concern is that make up days in June are not academic days. Saturdays are an option open for discussion. Two Saturdays and only 3 days to make up in June seems a popular option right now. Decision will not be made without a discussion with the teachers.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Muzzey, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of April 11, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Steve Davis, Francis Muzzey

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

Public Present: various members of the public

Teachers Present: Phoebe Sanborn and Tanya O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m. by Mr. Davis.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Mr. Davis added personnel to non public.

Minutes of March 14, 2011 School Board Meeting: Tabled until next month. Mr. Muzzey felt that the principal's report of March 14, 2011, that had commended a past Board Member, was a slap in the face. He stated that the voters felt otherwise.

Principal's Report: WES faculty and staff would like to welcome new board members Mr. Steve Davis and Mr. Francis Muzzey.

On March 24th & 25th, WES students and parents engaged in the yearly student – led - conference. Mr. Charpentier stated that this was a wonderful opportunity for the students to "show case" their academic work as well as engage in meaningful conversation with their parents about their education.

Baseball practices have started. There is a full team this year with both boys and girls filling the roster. Mr. Nick Gagnon will once again be this year's coach. Mr. Charpentier wished the Falcons good luck as they start the season.

Mr. Charpentier is very proud to announce that the State Department of Education has released the AYP (annual yearly progress) reports. WES has made

AYP for the last five years in a row in both math and reading, in all cohort groups. Mr. Charpentier congratulated the facility and students for a great job.

Letters have gone home to parents with user names and passwords to access the parent portal in Web2School. This is a web based grade book which can be accessed 24 hours a day at home.

Save the dates:

April 15th thriving in the middle school - Grades 5-7

April 16^{th} Saturday school to make up a snow day - 8: 00 - 11:45

April 21st Academic Fair Night - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

April 22nd Progress Reports go home

April 25 – 29 NO SCHOOL Spring Break

May 14th Saturday school to make up snow day - 8:00 – 11:45

May 18th Spring Concert - 6:00 pm

May 27th Grades 7/8 band to Canobie Lake

May 30th NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

June 3rd Tentative Semi-formal Dance

Kudos

Mr. Charpentier recognized Julie Quesnell for all her extra time and energy that she has put into the library / media center entering books into the Destiny Quest program. All books are now cataloged.

Mr. Muzzey made a motion to accept the principal's report, seconded by Mr. Davis. All were in favor. Mr. Davis would like to thank the staff at WES for the efforts and noted the increased proficiency of the NECAP scores.

Claims and Payroll – signed by the board

Correspondence - Wentworth School District health and dental rates were distributed.

Discussion Items

- 1. Truancy Policy 2nd reading –Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the policy, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.
- 2. 2011-2012 school calendar- Mr. Muzzey would like a holiday in February for Lincoln or Washington in traditional favor. Debate ensued with regard to the amount of time off from school in February. Parents noted that recognition of the Presidents is in the curriculum. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the calendar, and Mr. Muzzey seconded the motion under the condition that there is a strong effort in the curriculum to teach about the Presidents. All were in favor.
- 3. Purchasing Policy tabled until next meeting
- **4.** Other Business Mr. Charpentier presented the board with the proposals for the eighth grade trips. No action was taken at this time.

Privilege of the Floor – Aaron Comeau addressed Mr. Muzzey regarding a comment that Mr. Muzzey had made regarding a previous School Board member, stating that Mr. Muzzey's comments were uncalled for and adversarial. Mr. Comeau stated that Mr. Charpentier has the opportunity to recognize community and staff, students, etc on his Principals report.

Ms. Gelsi stated that, in light of Mr. Muzzey's comments, a negative approach will get the community nowhere and personal feelings should be left aside.

Mr. Davis acknowledged that he ran against Ms. Sullivan. He stated that it takes commitment to come to every meeting and serve with due diligence. Mr. Davis said that Ms. Sullivan served honorably and thanked her for her service.

Angela Comeau commended the educators of Wentworth Elementary School, stating they do a great job at keeping the children engaged and motivated. Mrs. Comeau added that she is nervous at the prospect of combining classrooms and the mixing of younger grades traveling with the older grades.

Mr. Davis advised that the board has taken the unique position of giving Mr. Charpentier permission to work with the teachers and next year's curriculum. Mr. Davis is not sure at this time what the class assignments will be.

Aaron Comeau stated that he was disturbed at the district meeting to be told that three positions would be eliminated and that, when he asked the Board what impact it would have on the students, the answer he received was "I don't know". He feels it is irresponsible to make adjustments as these without facts or data.

Further discussion ensued about teacher assignments. Parents wanted to know when this information will be made available to them and whether or not every teacher needs an aide. The board answered that the aide placement is outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Karla Chierichetti asked about the percentage of students that must be in attendance for the Saturday school day to be considered a make - up day. Mr. Charpentier stated that 75 percent is required. She also asked how the latest snow day will be made up and Mr. Charpentier is working that out and looking at the possibility of adding time to each day of school to make up the time.

Mr. Davis asked if the road agent can help with making the decision to have school or not. Mr. Halloran consults with Robertson Transportation on snow delays or cancellations.

Karla Chierichetti asked if the school newsletter could be made available on line. Mr. Charpentier stated that the school does not have a webmaster. Mrs. Chierichetti made a suggestion of sending home only one copy to families with multiple children in the school. Discussion ensued with regard to having student participation with the newsletter and volunteering to be the webmaster. Mrs. Chierichetti also inquired about the plays, stating the money is budgeted but there is no play this year. Mr. Charpentier noted that there was no one available to direct the play. Discussion ensued with regard to having a member of the

community volunteer to direct the play, and whether or not there is enough time this year to pull it together.

Mr. Davis made a motion to enter into non public at 6:45pm, seconded by Mr. Muzzey . All were in favor.

Mr. Davis made a motion to end non public session and adjourn at 7:15, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Official

Wentworth School Board Minutes of May 9, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

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

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

Public Present: Lisa Minickiello, Ellie Murray, Karla Chierichetti,

Angela Kenneson-Comeau and Carol Friedrich

Teachers Present: Erin Newton, Erin Kindl and Sarah Cormiea

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

Agenda Review and Disposition: Mr. Charpentier moved discussion item 2 to nonpublic session under personnel.

Minutes of March 14, 2011 School Board Meeting: Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14, 2011, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. Mrs. Davis abstained.

Minutes of April 11, 2011 School Board Meeting: Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of April 11, 2011, Mr. Muzzey seconded with the exception to adding the names of members of the public who attend the meeting. All were in favor.

Mr. Muzzey feels the school board should sign the minutes from each meeting. Discussion ensued and more information regarding any statutes will be brought to the next meeting.

Principal's Report: ATTACHED

Claims and Payroll - signed by the board

Correspondence - Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program

Discussion Items-

1. Class Trip – Keith distributed a letter from the students requesting to use the money raised not be on a field trip but to be divided equally among the 4 students for something personal. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of transportation and any alternative means of transportation.
Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the 8th grade class trip to Boston, Massachusetts using private transportation under the condition that proof of adequate insurance is provided, seconded by Mr. Frances. All were in favor.

Mrs. Mack included a suggestion that a school board member be at future 8th grade parent meeting in an effort to be better informed.

- 2. Responsive Classroom moved to non-public
- **3.** Purchasing Policy- draft distributed to the school board. After review and changes there will be a second reading next month.
- 4. Other business- None

Privilege of the Floor – Erin Newton thanked Karla Chierichetti for bringing in goodies for the teachers and thanked Keith for support. Karla recognized Angela Comeau for her help.

Angela Kenneson-Comeau thanked Mrs. Cormiea for her support with the students all year working with 8th grade students as their class advisor. Mrs. Comeau then asked who does the kindergarten screening and she was answered with Emily Hebron, Kim Santucci, Wendy Mersh, Phoebe Sanborn and Ashley

Oakes. Mrs. Comeau announced the K-4 dance for Thursday May 19, 2011 afterschool. Mrs. Comeau asked if the teachers had been give classroom assignments as of yet. The assignment will not be available until the June 13th meeting. At his time Mrs. Comeau requested a nonpublic meeting with the school board be placed on the agenda. Mrs. Comeau gave special recognition of beautification of the front walkway of the school stating it is spectacular.

Mr. Muzzey acknowledged that the kids did a great job with their letter to the school board. Although it was not their preferred outcome they should not be discouraged from addressing the board in the future.

Mr. Muzzey made a motion to enter into non public at 6:25p.m., seconded by Mr. Davis. All were in favor.

Mr. Davis made a motion to end non public at 6:30p.m., seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

The school board accepts the resignation of Ashley Shuffleton with regret.

Mr. Muzzey made a motion to enter public session at 6:31p.m., seconded by Mr. Davis. All were in favor.

Mr. Davis made a motion to end non public and adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of June 9, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

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

Administration Present: Ethel Gaides, Keith Charpentier

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis made a motion to enter into non public at 5:02p.m., seconded by Mr.

Muzzey. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Davis made a motion to end non public session at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Ms.

Mack. The vote was unanimous.

The following slate of nominations was presented:

Tanya O'Brien: Teacher for combined grades 3/4 Sara Cormiea: Teacher for combined Grades 5/6

Nick Gagnon: Teacher of Mathematics and Science in Grade 7 and Grade 8 (grades

not combined)

Tristan Blake: Teacher of Social Studies and English Language Arts in Grade 7 and

8 (grades not combined)

Erin Newton: Reading Teacher

Deana Toomey Aide for combined grades 3/4 Heather Clark Aide for combined grades 5/6

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the slate of nominations, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Davis made a motion to encumber 2010-2011 funds for up to \$30,000 for a teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote was yes

for Mr. Davis, and yes for Ms. Mack. Mr. Muzzey voted no and stated his request for a definitive existing bill with the exact amount on the bill.

Mr. Charpentier requested a two year principal's contract. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve a two year teaching principal contract for the 2011-2013 school years with no raise for the 2011-2012 school year and no commitment for a raise for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote was yes for Mr. Davis and yes for Ms. Mack. Mr. Francis voted no and stated that he is against multiple year contracts for anyone.

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mack at 6:20 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides, Assistant Superintendent, SAU #48

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of June 13, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

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

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

Public Present: Angela Borger, Aaron Comeau, Angela Comeau,

Melissa Farrell, Rick Farrell, Carol Friedrich, Ellie

Murray, Marni Kozack, Karla Chierichetti

Teachers Present: Erin Newton, Phoebe Sanborn

Mr. Davis made a motion to call the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., Seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Agenda Review and Disposition: Mr. Davis requested to add to the Agenda Item 7A to have a nonpublic discussion prior to the scheduled nonpublic, seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.

Minutes of May 9, 2011 School Board Meeting: Correct the date of the minutes, change Frances to Francis and change Mr. Frances to Mr. Muzzey. Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the minutes of May 9, 2011 as amended, seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Principal's Report: ATTACHED

Mr. Davis made a motion to send a thank you letter from the school board to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.

Claims and Payroll – signed by the board

Correspondence - letter from Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward and Loughman, PLLC

Discussion Items-

1. Classroom grade configuration -

Read 180/ Title I Reading –	Erin Newton
Kindergarten	Phoebe Sanborn and 1:1 aide
Grade 1 & 2	Erin Kindl and Ashley Hartson aide
Grade 3 & 4	Tanya O'Brien and Deana Toomey as aide
	and Linda Cummings 1:1 aide
Grade 5 & 6	Sarah Cormiea and Heather Clark as aide
Grade 7	Tristan Blake
Grade 8	Nick Gagnon

Marni Kozak asked why the 3rd and 4th had become combined. She has concerns and will discuss with board in non-public.

Angela Comeau did state that she has great confidence that Mrs. O'Brien can handle the class.

Karla Chierichetti thanked the school board and administration for all the hard work to make the changes.

Mrs. Mack thanked the teachers for their patience.

2. Acceptable use policy/handbook- Mr. Muzzey made a motion to accept the policy as is, seconded by Mr. Davis. All were in favor.

- **3.** Lawn Mowing this item will be brought to the select board.
- **4.** Other Business Mrs. Mack would like to add Kitchen use policy to the August Agenda. Also to be added to the agenda will be hair net policy.

Privilege of the Floor – Aaron Comeau – said thank you for the configuration. Mr. Comeau was a chaperone on the 8th grade class trip and said it was fabulous and that he would recommend a day trip to future 8th grades.

Angela Comeau – thank you to Mr. Nick Gagnon for coaching. Mrs. Comeau especially like that he instructed the team visually, that he showed the kids what he was explaining. Mrs. Comeau also commented on the parking lot suggesting the parking lot be expanded to make room for teacher/staff parking and less clutter at the front of the school at drop off and pick up times. Discussion ensued with ideas to cut the trees to expand the lot and dismissing busses first and then dismissing walkers. The issue will be revisited in August.

Mr. Davis withdraws from the agenda item 7A.

Marni Kozak asked if there will be an aid in the combined 3rd and 4th grade. It will be Ashley Hartson.

Mr. Davis made a motion to into non public at 5:51 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Mack. All were in favor.

Mr. Davis made a motion to end non public and adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Muzzey. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of July 18, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Steve Davis, Kathleen Mack **Administration Present:** Ethel Gaides, Keith Charpentier

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. Davis.

A discussion ensured regarding food service for the 2011-2012 school year. The school board understood that the specifications for food service bids would be sent to the NH Department of Education. To date, Café Services is the only bid for food services. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Café Services bid, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

There was a discussion regarding challenging math students. Mr. Charpentier stated that with dual grades, students are challenged with materials above the grade level, as needed.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve Tanya O'Brien's one year leave of absence, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote was unanimous. The one year position was posted at the school. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve Molly Lash as the grades 3 and 4 teacher for the one year (2011-2012) leave of absence, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mack at 5:25 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ethel Gaides, Assistant Superintendent, SAU #48

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Wentworth School Board Minutes of August 8, 2011 Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Steve Davis, Francis Muzzey

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Muzzey requested the addition of purchasing policies to the agenda. Mr. Davis stated he would not entertain the motion without Mrs. Mack present.

Claims and payroll were discussed at length. Mr. Muzzey refused to sign any checks/manifest that are not contracted services and does not have prior approval of the school board. Mr. Muzzey requested quarterly reports so that he can look at where the money is being spent. Mr. Davis agreed to this request. Mr. Muzzey would like to know when the teacher's union will make contact with the board to begin negotiations. Mr. Davis would like to look at the LGC health insurance and see if the school district can get a better deal from some other company. Mr. Muzzey stated "I will not allow the misuse of funds continue in this district." He wants all purchases approved beforehand.

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Muzzey at 5:45 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Charpentier, Principal