

**Moultonborough School District
Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Town Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Bill Blackadar, Laurie Whitley, Mark Borrin, Fox Smith, Kathy Garry, Michael Lancor, Kay Peranelli, Andrew Coppinger, Scott Laliberte, Lou Goscinski and Laurie Caldwell

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Blackadar called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Agenda:

1. Personnel Announcements: None.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes:

- A. Mark Borrin moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2008, School Board meeting. All voted in favor.

General Items:

- A. Student Council Report: Evan Ames, a member of the Student Council, updated the Board on Student Council activities and plans. He discussed activities that took place during Teacher Appreciation Week and the possibility of a Student Appreciation Day. All scholarship applications are in and the male and female recipients should be selected by May 30th. The final event for the school year will be elections for Student Council Officers.
- B. 2009 Latin Club Trip Request*: The Board received a preliminary request from the MA Latin Club to travel to Rome, Italy in the Spring of 2009, presented by Matthew Webb. Mr. Webb discussed the details of the trip and the planning that has taken place so far. He anticipates it will cost a lot of money and has discussed with the students ways for them to raise it. Mark Borrin moved, and Kathy Garry seconded a motion, to approve the Latin Club trip to Rome, Italy, as presented. All voted in favor.
- C. Construction Mentor Group*: Mentor Bob Stephens, Mentor Coordinator Kate Lancor, and four members of the Construction Mentor Group (Jesse Davis, Ryan Lally, Curt LeBlanc and Mark Stephens) did a PowerPoint presentation to describe the design for landscaping the front lawn at Moultonborough Academy. This project will be carried out during the upcoming summer months and they plan to use the "green" approach. There was discussion on what mulch to use and flowers to be planted. Mr. Lancor noted that this group of students has been approved to earn credit for this extended learning program. They are very hard working and dedicated to their project. The cost to complete the project would be \$6,349.99. Discussion was held with the Board and Mrs. Peranelli. \$2,600 is already accounted for. Mark Borrin moved, and Kathy Garry seconded a motion, to approve the funding of the project as presented, \$2,600 that is already accounted for and an additional \$3,749.99. All voted in favor.
- D. Electronic Board Agenda*: Laura Maroon was present to demonstrate an electronic school board agenda packet being developed by her and Karen Robinson. The Board was asked if they would like to move to this format for the July meeting. The Board discussed the pros and cons if they were to approve moving to this format. Mr. Lancor will check into the wireless availability at the Town Office building and the Board would like to try using this format for the July meeting.

- E. Other Matters: None.

Chairperson's Report:

- A. Calendar: The Chairperson announced the following important calendar dates:
Tuesday, June 10, 2008: Monthly School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
- B. 2009 Annual Meeting*: The Board reviewed the minutes of the Common Annual Meeting Day Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008. Laurie Whitley moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to accept recommendations of the Common Annual Meeting Day Ad Hoc Committee. All voted in favor. The School District's Annual Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2009 in the Moultonborough Community Auditorium.
- C. 180 Day Waiver: The Board received a letter from Commissioner of Education Lyonel B. Tracy granting a three-day waiver of the 180 day requirement for students in grades K to 11.
- D. Regional School Board Meeting: Board Members received an invitation to the Joint School Boards Meeting to be held on Monday, May 19. Please call Joanne at 569-1658 by May 12 if you can attend. Mark Borrin will be attending this meeting.
- E. Budget Advisory Committee*: The Board discussed the Notice of Public Meeting for the Town/SAU Working Group Budget Advisory Committee. Members of this committee are Ed Charest, Kathy Garry, Jim Gray, Mike Lancor, Carter Terenzini and Laurie Whitley. Members of last year's Town Ad Hoc Committee that recommended an advisory committee have been invited to attend the posted meetings. The purpose of this committee is to develop proposed charges and procedures for the Advisory Budget Committee. There will be two meetings in May, the 15th and 21st. There will be further discussion at the June School Board Meeting.
- F. SB/Admin. Goals for 07-08/08-09*: The Board received the School Board and Administration Goals for 2007-2008 for review. The administrative team will produce a draft copy of 2008-2009 goals for the June 10, 2008, Board meeting.

Pupil Personnel Services Director's Report:

- A. Other Matters: None.

Central School Administrative Report:

- A. Calendar: Mr. Laliberte reviewed the calendars for the months of May and June. He is currently in the process of developing next year's classes.

Academy Administrative Report:

- A. Calendar: Mr. Coppinger highlighted events on the calendars for the months of May and June. He noted that there were approximately 80 students signed up for the Chem Free After Prom Sunrise Cruise. Also, 75 percent of the Senior Class is going on the Senior Class Trip.
- B. Competency Assessment proposal for 2008-2009*: Mr. Coppinger discussed the draft Competency Assessment Proposal for the 2008-2009 school year. They are ready to begin with the 9th grade in September. He discussed the frustration he has had with the lack of State leadership in establishing standards, but is comfortable with the track they are on. The Board discussed issues surrounding passing and failing and the need for taking finals.

- C. PAC Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes from the PAC Meetings held on April 10 and May 1, 2008.
- D. Graduation: Mr. Coppinger updated the Board on plans for the senior class graduation which will be held in the community auditorium beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2008. There will be 10 tickets per senior. Left over tickets will go to a waiting list. The goal is to fill every seat this year.
- E. Senior/Parent Banquet: All Board members are invited to attend the Senior/Parent Banquet to be held at the Geneva Point Conference Center on Monday, June 2, 2008. Arrival time is 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., and awards presented at 7:00 p.m.
- F. Thank You: The Board received a copy of a letter written to Chris Maroun and family thanking them for their donation of a timer/scoreboard for the gymnasium.
- G. Other Matters/Fundraising: Mark Borrin moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to approve a requested fundraiser for the 9th grade of a Red Sox ticket raffle to be held in lieu of a dance that was snowed out this winter. All voted in favor.

School Business Administrative Report:

- A. 2007-2008 Budget Expenditure Update: The Board received a copy of an end-of-April 2008 Budget Report.
- B. Fund Equity Estimate: The Board reviewed the fund equity estimate for June 30, 2008. \$50,000 will go back to next year's budget and \$50,000 will go to Buildings and Grounds. There will be another update at the June meeting.
- C. MCS Water System Update*: The Board received an update indicating that the arsenic level in the MCS water is increasing. It is anticipated that the filter media may only effectively remove adequate amounts of arsenic for a few more months. The Board discussed with Mrs. Peranelli acceptable levels and how other districts have dealt with this issue. All levels are still within State standards. Mrs. Peranelli will have more information for the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting and will update the Board at the June Board Meeting.
- D. Insurance Bids*: The District's current three-year contract for property, liability and workers' compensation insurance expires on June 30, 2008. Bids were due to the SAU Office by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9. The Insurance Committee met at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12 to review the bids and prepared recommendations for the entire Board. Mark Borrin moved, and Laurie Whitley seconded a motion to go with Hodge for property and liability, Primex for workers' compensation, and to continue with North American Benefits for life insurance. All voted in favor.
- E. Health and Dental Insurance Rates*: The Board received the District's rate increases for 2008-2009 from the N.H. Local Government Center. There was discussion on the amount of savings and how that is dealt with in the budget.
- F. NHRS Update: Mrs. Peranelli updated the Board on proposed legislation regarding the potential legal changes to the N.H. Retirement System and how that may affect the budget. She will keep the Board updated as changes occur.
- G. School Lunch Prices*: Mrs. Peranelli has analyzed our current school lunch prices to determine whether or not price increases are needed. The Board has received the recommended increases. Mark Borrin moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to accept the proposed lunch increases as presented. All voted in favor. At MCS student lunch will cost \$1.75, MA student lunches will cost \$2.25 and all adult lunches will cost \$3.00.

- H. Internet & Phone Services: Laura Maroon has done the e-rate filing which gives the District a discount on internet and phone services. This is a very long and tedious application process, but the District will get back approximately \$16,000. Thank you to Laura Maroon for all the work she puts into this filing.
- I. Red Hill Driving School: Mr. Lancor distributed a copy of the Driver Education Contract from Red Hill Driving School. Karel Crawford is requesting an increase for the summer of 2008 to help offset the rise in gas prices. There was a discussion of what our involvement is in driver education. Laurie Whitley moved, and Mark Borrin seconded a motion, to amend the Red Hill Driving School contract from \$595 to \$620 for the summer of 2008 only. All voted in favor.

Superintendent's Report:

Old Business:

- A. 2007-2008 End-of-Year: The last day of school for students in grades K to 11 will be Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Teachers' last day will be June 25th.
- B. Service Recognition: This June will be year 8 of the service recognition awards which began in June 2001. The service awards will be presented during the end-of-year PTA breakfast to begin at 8:00 a.m. in the MA cafeteria on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

New Business:

- A. Summer Curriculum Time Line: Teachers will be asked to submit proposals to Mr. Lancor by June 3, 2008. Mr. Lancor will make funding recommendations to the Board on June 10, 2008. Funding sources will include the general fund budget as well as any available federal funds.
- B. Early Release Day: The last early release day is Thursday, May 22. This is the District's annual technology day. Technology related workshops will be conducted for MA teachers, and both MA and MCS paraeducators. MCS teachers will receive instruction on development of web pages.
- C. First Student Award: Mr. Lancor congratulated First Student in Moultonborough for the special commendation issued by the N.H. School Transportation Association.
- D. Retirement Reception: The District's Retirement Reception will be held at Geneva Point beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28. We will be honoring Zeke Bly, Judy Pryor, Charlie Pugh and Mary Wakefield. Elaine Trudeau has informed Mr. Lancor numerous times that she does not want to be recognized or honored during this or any other event.
- E. Safe Routes to School: Mr. Lancor updated the Board on this cooperative effort with the Town to apply for a \$5,000 planning grant. We will be notified in a few weeks. Mark Borrin moved, and Laurie Whitley seconded a motion, to approve the recommendations for safe walkways and pathways. All voted in favor.

School Board Committee Reports:

Note: Board members decided to remain on committees they currently serve on for 2008-2009.

- A. Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Lancor will e-mail Mr. Borrin and Mr. Blackadar with possible dates for a meeting prior to the June School Board meeting. Mr. Blackadar wants a list of hard numbers for the meeting.
- B. Personnel and Negotiations: No Report.
- C. Policies*: The Board reviewed the packet of recommended mandated policies presented in May. Once these policies are adopted, then the District will have a complete Policy

Handbook. The Policy Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the SAU Office on Wednesdays, May 14 and 21 to continue updating existing policies based on recommendations made by NHSBA. Mark Borrin moved, and Fox Smith seconded a motion, to adopt the policies that are mandated by law which will be implemented on an immediate basis. All voted in favor.

- D. Transportation and Insurance: No Report.
- E. Athletic Committee: Fox Smith reviewed the minutes from the most recent Athletic Committee meeting held on April 28, 2008.
- F. Technology Planning Committee: No Report.

Administration/Community Committee Reports:

- A. Moultonborough Taking Action (MTA)*: The Board received Minutes from the May 1, 2008 MTA meeting.
- B. Wellness Advisory Committee: Mr. Lancor reviewed the Minutes from the April 29, 2008 Wellness Advisory Committee meeting.

Public Input:

Al Hume discussed the MCS water system and costs of an upgrade. The Building and Grounds Committee will discuss the issues and cost in more depth.

Mr. Hume questioned Mrs. Peranelli on the N.H. Retirement increase for the Town. Her discussion was only regarding the school system.

Mr. Hume asked if the Retirement Reception was open to the public? In the past, public parties have been done separately.

At 9:30 p.m. Laurie Whitley moved, and Mark Borrin seconded a motion, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken with all members answering in the affirmative.