



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

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Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Rob LaClair, Vice-Chair; Allen Gilbert, Clerk; Mark Berry, Susan Chickering, Tom Williams, Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent; Andrew Huckins-Noss, Student Representative.

Also Present: Wes Cate III, Mary Ellen Hill, Kathy Pelletier, Judy Bickford, Paula Dolan, Kenneth Saxe, Kathy Segar and Peg Wilmott.

- 1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.
 - 1.1. Ginny Burley welcomed those present
 - 1.2. Agenda Revisions – None.
 - 1.3. Public Comments and Correspondence – Ginny Burley shared an email from a parent with concerns about various times throughout the year requesting money. Ginny Burley invited any guests present to comment. Ginny also acknowledged several emails that have been received regarding personnel issues.
- 2.0. **Allen Gilbert moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2007 school board meeting. Discussion: Allen Gilbert suggested that the Role of Executive Committee, as discussed under 3.1, also be noted under 8.0: Ideas for Future Agenda. This motion carried with the noted change.**
- 3.0. Reports to the Board
 - 3.1. Finance – Ginny Burley reported that the roofing project is going out to bid soon; a timetable has been developed. Ginny Burley also reported that the payment schedule for sports officials is being changed slightly so that it coincides with the normal pay cycle. She also stated that the Finance Committee proposes to pay the monthly GMP electric bill via electronic payment and thereby avoid late fees. Ginny also reported that the Finance Committee proposes to set up an internal food service fund earmarked for capital improvements within food services.
 - 3.2. Curriculum – The committee has not met since the last board meeting.
 - 3.3. VSBA – No report tonight.
 - 3.4. Facilities Report – This committee meets next week.
 - 3.5. Student Representative's Report – Andrew Huckins-Noss reported a request from several English teachers regarding scheduling English for next year.
 - 3.6. Administrator's Report – Keith Gerritt reported on a Service Learning Fair that took place on February 9th. He reported that 8th grade students had been administered the NAEP assessment. Keith also reported on the two snow days last week and reminded the board that the calendar builds in a couple of extra days in the second trimester in case of such occurrences. Keith congratulated students who had received All-State Music honors and reported on the winter sports seasons that are wrapping up. U-32's T2 Art Show is taking place on Thursday, February 22. The Annual Budget Informational Meeting is on Monday, March 5th @ 6 pm. Tom McKone reported on his tour of the Barre Technical Center earlier today and how impressed he was.
- 4.0. Discussion Agenda
 - 4.1. Policy Fourth Reading – Mark Berry reported on small changes in the following policies, as directed by the board at past meetings
 - 4.1.1. Nutrition and Fitness – F28
 - 4.2. Policy Third Readings
 - 4.2.1. English Language Learners – F19
 - 4.2.2. Integration of Home Study Students in Programs and Activities – F23
- 5.0. Action Agenda
 - 5.1. Finance Actions
 - 5.1.1. **Allen Gilbert moved and Sue Chickering seconded a motion to commit \$30,000 from the fund balance to help fund the construction of four tennis courts, contingent upon the balance being raised from other sources. Discussion: Tom Williams asked for clarification about the final estimated cost of the project. Mark Berry suggested that a maintenance plan be discussed in the future. This motion carried unanimously.**
 - 5.1.2. **Allen Gilbert moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to authorize the Green Mountain Power bills be paid by an electronic payment from the U-32 bank account, as discussed in the Finance Committee report. This motion carried unanimously.**
 - 5.1.3. **Allen Gilbert moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to reserve \$60,000 of the Enterprise (Food Service) Fund Balance as a Food Service Capital Fund. This motion carried unanimously.**
 - 5.2. Adopt Policies
 - 5.2.1. **Mark Berry moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to adopt Nutrition and Fitness Policy F28. This motion carried unanimously.**



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5.2.2. Mark Berry moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to adopt English Language Learners Policy F19. This motion carried unanimously.

5.2.3. Mark Berry moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to adopt Integration of Home Study Students in Programs and Activities Policy F23. This motion carried unanimously.

5.3. Review and Consideration of Renewal of Administrative Contracts – These contracts will be reviewed later in Executive Session.

5.4. Approve ESP Leave of Absence – Keith Gerritt explained this request and his support for such request. The board asked to table this request until further explanation from the superintendent.

5.5. Resignations – None.

5.6. Appointments – None.

The board reviewed a letter from a faculty member stating her intention to return from a leave of absence to her full-time position in 2007-2008.

6.0. Allen Gilbert moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to the approve the following board orders:

February 12, 2007	\$850.00	Athletic Officials
February 19, 2007	\$920.00	Athletic Officials
February 21, 2007	\$45,488.23	General

This motion carried unanimously.

7.0. Ideas for Future Agenda – Design & Technology Education; Role of the Executive Committee, Consolidation/Governance including – input from Department of Education representative. A suggestion was made to invite Tony Klein, Janet Ancel, and Pat MacDonald to the March 21 board meeting to discuss such issues.

8.0. Board Comments – None.

9.0. Allen Gilbert moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. This motion carried unanimously and the board went into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

The board came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Rob LaClair moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion to renew the administrative contract of the Assistant Principal for the high school. Approval was 6-0.

Rob LaClair moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion to renew the administrative contract of the Special Services & Programs Director. Approval was 6-0.

Rob LaClair moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion not to renew the administrative contract of the Guidance and Counseling Director. Approval was 5-1.

5.4. Allen Gilbert moved and Rob LaClair seconded approval of the request for a leave of absence from Michelle Ksepka. Approval was 6-0.

The board noted the long service of Rob LaClair, who is retiring after nine years. Rob was thanked for going above and beyond what could reasonably be expected from any board member. The board also thanked Stuart Savage, in absentia, for his six years of service to the board, many of those on the board’s Finance Committee, a very difficult assignment.

10.0. Rob LaClair moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to adjourn and the board adjourned by consensus at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary