



## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

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Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Mark Berry, Vice-Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk; Susan Chickering, Allen Gilbert, Tom Williams, Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent; Alanna Webb, Student Representative.

Also Present: Wes Cate, Mary Ellen Hill.

- 1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.
  - 1.1. Ginny Burley welcomed guests present.
  - 1.2. Agenda Revisions – Ginny Burley noted that the Legislative Representatives that were planned to attend tonight are unable to attend.
  - 1.3. Public Comments and Correspondence – None.
- 2.0. Allen Gilbert moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007 school board meeting. Seconded by Tom Williams. This motion carried unanimously.**
- 3.0. Reports to the Board
  - 3.1. Finance – None.
  - 3.2. Curriculum – None.
  - 3.3. Vermont School Boards' Association – None, however Ginny Burley noted that since Stuart Savage was the VSBA representative, VSBA will need to find a replacement.
  - 3.4. Facilities Report – Will meet Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
  - 3.5. Student Representative's Report – The student council asks on behalf of the students that Mr. Halligan, who leads discussions on cyber-bullying, be scheduled to meet with students; 7-8-9 grades and 10-11-12 separately. Allen Gilbert noted that this issue might be one for administrators and not for the board to decide. Keith Gerritt stated that he was already negotiating with Mr. Halligan regarding this proposal.
  - 3.6. Administrators' Reports – Keith Gerritt reported that Trimester 2 exams are finished and Trimester 3 is underway. The One-Act drama festival had been postponed due to snow so will be performed this weekend instead. Tom McKone reported that the new Nutrition policy has been presented to the staff and, overall, positive reaction was received.
- 4.0. Discussion Agenda
  - 4.1. Education Funding – Allen Gilbert reported on Act 131 and its impact on disaggregating pupil spending. The proposal is that the "weighting" of high school versus elementary students will change. Discussion followed regarding this issue.
  - 4.2. Part-Time Staffing – Keith Gerritt presented to the board "U-32 Part-Time Faculty 2006-2007," as well as sharing the present board policy at U-32 which states that up to 20% of staff may be part-time; only 18% of staff presently are part-time. Discussion followed regarding part-time staff duties.
  - 4.3. Policy First Reading
    - 4.3.1. Petition to the School Board Policy E10 – Discussion: Keith Gerritt noted that "high school" should read "middle and high school;" that change in wording should be made in other policies as well. This policy is moved to second reading.

Some discussion followed regarding the official name of U-32. Ginny Burley suggested putting this item on a future school board meeting agenda.

E-agenda packets – Ginny Burley brought up the idea of having school board agenda packets sent via email attachments rather than through US Postal mail. Discussion followed regarding having a secure workspace online. Board consensus was to stay with both paper and e-distribution.

Ginny Burley shared a letter she had received from the "Workforce Investment Board." Robbe Brook offered to attend the next meeting and the board will discuss attending these meetings or having other representatives attend.

Ginny Burley stated that a special meeting must be scheduled. The board will meet Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- 5.0. Action Agenda
  - 5.1. Conrad Smith moved to approve Vicky Palmer's request for unpaid leave. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.**
  - 5.2. Mark Berry moved to approve the winter athletic contract revisions as presented. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.**
  - 5.3. Allen Gilbert moved to approve the spring athletic contracts as presented. Seconded by Mark Berry, this motion carried unanimously.**



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**5.4. Mark Berry moved to approve the resignation of Chantal Boulanger. Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.**

5.5. Appointments – None.

**6.0. Mark Berry moved to approve the following board order:**

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**Seconded by Tom Williams, this motion carried unanimously.**

7.0. Ideas for Future Agenda:

Tennis court update

Air quality update

U-32 official title

Attendance report/ sub usage report (the board requested this report once each trimester.)

8.0. Board Comments: Conrad Smith commented on his review of the monthly financial report.

9.0. Anticipated Executive Session: none

10.0. There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt

Board Recording Secretary