



**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007**

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

Also Present: David Bazis and Michael Horowitz, Design & Technology teachers; Wes Cate, Mary Ellen Hill, and Todd Carrier.

- 1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 commented on the recent legislation regarding school spending
- 2.0. **Allen Gilbert moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2007 school board meeting. Seconded by Mark Berry. Discussion: Allen Gilbert noted an item for clarification: “Ballyhoo” should be described as the middle school newsletter. This motion carried with the noted amendment.**
- 3.0. Reports to the Board
  - 3.1. Finance – Ginny Burley reported that Lori Bibeau had presented the Finance Committee with a new format for the financial statement. Items under discussion at the committee level: grants, capital fund balance, and upgrade of the telephone system. Some discussion followed regarding the telephone system, compensation of officials and other helpers for athletic events. Ginny Burley noted that in June the Finance Committee will have several action items for the board.
  - 3.2. Curriculum – No report.
  - 3.3. Vermont School Boards’ Association – No report.
  - 3.4. Facilities Report – No report.
  - 3.5. Student Representative’s Report – Alanna Webb reported that some students had had a chance to meet with the candidate for Guidance Director; she reported on a student assembly on the subject of racism.
  - 3.6. Administrators’ Reports – Keith Gerritt reported on many of the end of year activities: “Climate Change Awareness Day,” Red Cross Blood Drive, Teacher Appreciation Week, Teen Issues Day for 8th graders, Branching Out end-of-year presentations, 8th and 11th grade NECAP Science pilot test, 6th Grade Parent Night, John Halligan to speak to the student body on Cyber-Bullying, 6th Grade Unity Day, and the Prom.  
Tom McKone noted that students had themselves arranged “Climate Change Awareness Day.” He reminded the board about the Senior Honors reception upcoming on Thursday, May 31. He noted that the Design and Technology Department would present to the board tonight; and in June, Physical Education and Special Education Departments will present to the board.  
Ginny Burley noted that the All-State Music Festival was impressive.
- 4.0. Discussion Agenda
  - 4.1. Department Presentation
    - 4.1.1. Design & Technology Education – David Bazis and Michael Horowitz presented to the board regarding the current offerings in the Design and Technology Education department. They reviewed their department goals for 2007-2008. Some discussion followed including a conversation regarding a school television and radio station. The Board thanked David and Michael for their excellent presentation.
- 5.0. Action Agenda
  - 5.1. Finance Actions – None.
  - 5.2. **Adrienne Magida moved to set Friday, June 13, 2008, as the date for the *Class of 2008* graduation. Seconded by Mark Berry. This motion carried unanimously.**
  - 5.3. **Allen Gilbert moved to approve a revised Equity Coordinator contract. Seconded by Mark Berry. Discussion: Keith Gerritt explained the rationale behind this revised contract. Board members wanted to be sure a female equity coordinator was available to students by the Fall 2008. This motion carried unanimously.**
  - 5.4. **Mark Berry moved to approve the spring coaches as presented. Seconded by Adrienne Magida. This motion carried unanimously.**
  - 5.5. **Mark Berry moved to accept the following resignations. Seconded by Adrienne Magida. This motion carried unanimously.**
    - 5.5.1. Michelle Ksepka Paraeducator
    - 5.5.2. Nancy Mercer 0.2 FTE Social Studies Teacher



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**5.6. Mark Berry moved to approve the following appointments. Seconded by Tom Williams. Discussion: Keith Gerritt explained the Social Studies appointment. This motion carried unanimously.**

**5.6.1. Jenniffer Stanton Custodian**

**5.6.2. Jon Antonucci 0.1 FTE Social Studies Teacher**

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

<b>May 7, 2007</b>	<b>\$1,910.00</b>	<b>Athletic Officials</b>
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<b>May 16, 2007</b>	<b>\$134,873.57</b>	<b>General</b>
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**Seconded by Allen Gilbert, this motion carried unanimously.**

7.0. Ideas for Future Agenda: Central Office Facility  
Roles of the Executive Committee  
Strategic Plan  
Hiring Committees for Faculty

8.0. Board Comments – None.

**9.0. Allen Gilbert moved to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and a student issue. Seconded by Mark Berry. This motion carried unanimously.**

**The board came out of executive session at 8:56 p.m.**

**Allen Gilbert moved and Adrienne Magida seconded a motion to approve the administration's recommendation in a student discipline matter. The motion carried without objection.**

**Mark Berry moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to offer the position of Guidance & Counseling Director to Lisa LaPlante. The motion carried unanimously.**

10.0. There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt  
Board Recording Secretary