



**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006**

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Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Rob LaClair, Vice Chair; Mark Berry, Stuart Savage, Tom Williams, Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal, Robbe Brook, Superintendent.

Also Present: J. Scott Cameron.

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

2.0 Rob LaClair moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a student matter at 5:10 p.m.

The board came out of executive session at 5:50 p.m.

Tom Williams moved and Stuart Savage seconded a motion to approve the administration's recommendation for student discipline issue and to notify the student and family.

There being no further discussion, this motion carried with 1 abstention.

Also Present at Open Meeting: Sue Chickering, Mark Mooney, MS Assistant Principal; Jeff Rubin.

3.0 The open meeting was called back to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

3.1 Reception of Guests – Guests were welcomed.

3.2 Agenda Revisions – None.

3.3 Public Comments and Correspondence – None.

4.0 Consent Agenda

**4.1 Rob LaClair moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2006 school board meeting. There were no comments, questions, or additions.
This motion carried unanimously.**

5.0 Reports to the Board

5.1 Finance – No report.

5.2 Curriculum – No report.

5.3 Vermont School Boards' Association – No report.

5.4 Administrator's Report – Keith Gerritt presented to the board a parent's request for a sixth grader to participate in the exchange program. He described the unique circumstances. Discussion ensued regarding the exchange program, its effect on ADM, the effect of this particular situation. The board agreed academically or conceptually on this arrangement but wanted more specifics on costs and future impact.

6.0 Discussion Agenda

6.1 Middle School Report – Mark Mooney circulated to the board the outline of his middle school report, focused on organization, climate, orientation, initiatives. Robbe Brook asked Mark Mooney where the middle school stood in foreign language instruction. He replied that middle school students get two trimesters, each year, in foreign language, though some students opt out of this offering. Sue Chickering brought up the issue of homework and communication among all the teachers so there is consistency. The board expressed that the middle school has improved greatly in the last several years and the board congratulated Mark Mooney on his success in leadership and in advocating for the middle school. Some discussion followed regarding the Guidance Department as a resource to the middle school. Ginny Burley asked Mark Mooney about grade retention in middle school. Mark Mooney stressed to the board that he would like to see a Planning Room specific to middle schoolers rather than sending them upstairs to the Planning Room.

6.2 Policy Second Reading – Graduation Policy G9a. Discussion: Robbe Brook recommended a change regarding "On a case by case basis ... if they are pre-approved by the Principal or Principal's designee". (rather than the other individuals listed.) The board and administrators present agreed with this suggested change. This policy is moved to third reading and adoption at the next board meeting on August 9.

7.0 Action Agenda

7.1 Finance Action

**7.1.1 Rob LaClair moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to authorize the carry-over of Chronicle Funds from 2005-06 Chronicle account to 2006-07.
This motion carried unanimously.**

7.2 Adopt 2006-07 Bus Routes – Rob LaClair informed the board that more time has been spent this year on bus routes than ever before, even cumulatively! Robbe Brook noted that she wanted to follow through with the Site Manager and also with driver training, to make sure that training was provided. Tom Williams moved and



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Stuart Savage seconded a motion to authorize Rob LaClair and Mark Mooney to authorize the bus routes, once established, on behalf of the board.

This motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Resignations – None.

7.4 Appointments

7.4.1 Tom Williams moved and Stuart Savage seconded a motion to approve the following nomination:

Lisa Burbach Academic Coordinator – White Table

This motion carried unanimously.

7.4.2 Academic Coordinator – Blue Table – No nomination at this time.

7.5 Stuart Savage moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion to approve the board orders as follows:

Athletics	June 19, 2006	\$1,049.88
General	June 21, 2006	\$130,018.84
Food Service	June 21, 2006	\$12,672.60
Athletics	June 26, 2006	\$30.00
General	June 30, 2006	\$80,508.18
General	July 12, 2006	\$254,096.64

This motion passed unanimously.

8.0 Anticipated Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student discipline, legal and/or personnel matters – Held earlier.

9.0 Ideas for Future Agenda – There was some discussion regarding the August 16th board retreat planning. Start time was agreed at 5:30 p.m., to take place at Rob LaClair’s house – with board members, Keith Gerritt, Robbe Brook.

Tom McKone noted that the draft of the Student/ Parent Handbook would be ready for the August 9th board meeting. Jeff Rubin asked about a previous suggestion he had made regarding a survey regarding guidance department. Ginny Burley replied that this was an administrative matter. Keith Gerritt stated that he would get back with Jeff Rubin after reviewing his suggested survey.

10.0 Board Comments – None.

11.0 Adjournment – There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary