



**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006**

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Present: Ginny Burley, Chair, Rob LaClair, Vice Chair, Mark Berry, Stuart Savage, Tom Williams, Susan Chickering, Keith Gerritt, Principal, Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal, Nancy Thomas, Assistant Superintendent; Andrew Huckins-Noss, Student Representative.

Also present: David Adams and Maria Lucia Ferreira

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

- 1.1 Ginny Burley welcomed Andy Huckins-Noss, the new student representative, and David Adams and Maria Lucia Ferreira.
- 1.2 Agenda Revisions: Ginny Burley noted that there are a couple tuition appeals added to the agenda tonight.
- 1.3 Public Comments and Correspondence: None.

Keith Gerritt introduced David Adams and Maria Lucia Ferreira who are seeking a tuition waiver for an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student. David Adams presented his case to the board and Rob LaClair noted that he has spoken to the family and is aware of their exceptional case which involves construction-related issues.

**Mark Berry moved to waive the tuition for the son of David Adams and Maria Lucia Ferreira, contingent upon them moving to Middlesex by February 28, 2007, and if they fail to move in by that day, they agree to pay prorated tuition from that date (Feb 28<sup>th</sup>) until the date they move into their new residence. Rob LaClair seconded the motion. This motion carried unanimously.**

Keith Gerritt explained the second tuition waiver case. Some discussion followed amongst board members about residency, homestead and the legitimacy of claims.

**Rob LaClair moved to waive tuition for Courtney Pryce for her senior year (but not for Hannah Pryce, incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grader.) Stuart Savage seconded the motion. This motion carried, with one board member opposed.**

Keith Gerritt followed up on a previous tuition exchange issue. After more investigation and consultation with the State Department of Education, this issue is clearly an elementary school issue and not a U-32 issue.

2.0 Consent Agenda

**2.1 Rob LaClair moved to approve the July 12, 2006 school board minutes. Tom Williams seconded the motion. Tom Williams noted an unclear item in the minutes and the board agreed on some clarification.**

“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 is provided.*”

Tom Williams moved to authorize Rob LaClair and Mark Mooney to authorize the bus routes, once established, on the behalf of the board. Seconded by Stuart Savage, this motion carried unanimously.”

**This motion carried with the noted change.**

3.0 Reports to the Board

- 3.1 WSCU: Nancy Thomas noted that a full district board meeting is also scheduled for August 23rd.
- 3.2 Policy: None.
- 3.3 Personnel: None.
- 3.4 Co-Curricular: None.

3.5 Administrator’s Report: Keith Gerritt reported that we are five days away from fall sports practices beginning.

Tom McKone circulated the 2006-2007 Student/Parent Handbook draft for the board’s perusal and input. The hope is that this is approved at the August 23rd board meeting and ready to hand out on the first day of school. Ginny Burley invited the board to look this over for the next two weeks and provide input on the August 23rd meeting.

Mark Berry suggested that the school have a bulletin board on display which shows pictures of all U-32 staff and members of the school board.

4.0 Discussion Agenda

- 4.1 June and Annual Attendance Report: The board reviewed this report and discussed related issues. Ginny Burley stated that the board would like the use of leave, for instance, taking days off before vacation, or misuse of personal days, to be “tightened up” as there is sentiment among constituents that U-32 uses substitute teachers “a lot.”
- 4.2 Policy Third Reading – Graduation Policy G9a: Ginny Burley asked for any comments. There were none.
- 4.3 School Bus Issues: Rob LaClair explained the process used to investigate bus routes and ways to cut back on expense and time. He reminded the board that some discussion would be necessary to decide on parameters and philosophies regarding bus routes and accommodating every student’s transportation needs. He assured the board that there have been “no earth shattering changes” made (yet.)



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5.0 Action Agenda

**5.1 Tom Williams moved to adopt the Graduation policy. Rob LaClair seconded the motion. Discussion: “Multi-year plan” should be changed to “Alternative Credit Approval Plan” (three times in that paragraph.) Stuart Savage noted that in the third line “obtained” should be capitalized. The board agreed to these changes.**

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**5.2 Approve Petty and Special Account Authorized Signer: Stuart Savage moved to approve Keith Gerritt as an authorized signer for both the Petty Account and Special Account. Rob LaClair seconded the motion**

**This motion carried unanimously.**

**5.3 Mark Berry moved to approve the Department Heads on the “Supplemental Contracts and Stipends for 2006-2007” as provided. The motion was seconded by Tom Williams: Discussion: The board asked Keith Gerritt to point out any changes in this list. Some discussion followed regarding department head positions and the value of the current set up. The board noted that it would value Keith Gerritt’s insight into this issue as the year gets underway.**

**Discussion ensued regarding website updating and utilization by department heads, as stated in the job description. (For example, publishing class syllabi on the U-32 website.)**

**This motion carried, with one abstention.**

5.4 Resignations: None

5.5 Appointments: None

**6.0 Stuart Savage moved to approve the following board orders:**

<b>07/18/06</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>
<b>08/09/06</b>	<b>\$408,899.45</b>

**Mark Berry seconded the motion.**

**This motion carried unanimously.**

7.0 Rob LaClair moved to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing student discipline issues. Tom Williams seconded the motion.

This motion carried unanimously and the board entered executive session.

The board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m.

8.0 Ideas for Future Agenda: Keith Gerritt noted that he intends to discuss his goals for the year with the school board at the upcoming board retreat.

9.0 Board Comments

10.0 There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt  
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