



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

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Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Mark Berry, Vice-Chair; Conrad Smith, Clerk; Sue Chickering, Allen Gilbert, Tom Williams, Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, HS Assistant Principal; Andrew Huckins-Noss, Student Representative.

Also Present: Lisa LaPlante, Guidance & Counseling Director; Jim Segar, Barb Cioffi, Tracy Martin.

1.0. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

- 1.1. All guests were welcomed.
- 1.2. Agenda Revisions – Add Tuition Waiver Request.
- 1.3. Public Comments and Correspondence – None.

2.0. Sue Chickering moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2007 school board meeting. Seconded by Conrad Smith. Two items for clarification were noted. This motion carried unanimously with the noted edits.

3.0. Reports to the Board

- 3.1. Finance: Ginny Burley stated that phase 1 of the roofing project is paid for. Some discussion followed regarding the food service fund balance, and the possibility of billing the food service program for its use of propane. Ginny Burley reported on some grant-funded positions in the school. A second opinion regarding the bleachers has been given; Keith Gerritt reported that the second opinion was very different than the first. Ginny Burley reported that the facilities committee is working on a long-range plan to utilize the capital fund. Some discussion followed regarding a capital fund, how to borrow from it and replenish, what items would qualify for capital funds. Discussion of capital fund versus capital improvement fund. Facilities Committee meets next week and discussion will continue around the long range plan for capital fund.
- 3.2. Curriculum: No report.
- 3.3. Vermont School Boards' Association: Ginny Burley reported that she had attended the VSBA board meeting last week. Ginny Burley reported on discussions regarding a state-wide school year calendar. VSBA annual conference is November 1st and November 2nd; she encouraged board members to attend.
- 3.4. Facilities Report: No report.
- 3.5. Negotiations: No report.
- 3.6. Student Representative's Report: Andrew Huckins-Noss asked about the status of discussions around Advanced Placement (AP) courses; the board invited him to attend the next Curriculum Committee meeting as discussion will begin at that level.
- 3.7. Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt reported to the board on the aspect of School Safety. Keith Gerritt stated that Mark Mooney will be attending the next board meeting and will follow up by reporting to the board on a September 25th school wide meeting on the subject. Keith Gerritt reported on the Robotics Program. He also reported that students and chaperones from New Zealand were visiting U-32 and the area. Keith Gerritt reported that an expulsion hearing will be needed, hopefully to happen on the night of the next school board meeting.

4.0. Discussion Agenda

- 4.1. Department Presentation – Physical Education: Jim Segar presented to the board a Physical Education Department Review. Some discussion followed regarding class sizes, daily PE and scheduling constraints; there was also discussion regarding the distinction between after school sports activities and physical education class time. Some discussion followed regarding adaptive physical education. Jim Segar and Barbara Cioffi stated their priorities for the board to consider:

- Adding a PE elective for 11th/ 12th graders
- PE for 8th graders: 5 days a week versus 3 days a week
- Being cognizant of student activity time when making scheduling / staffing decisions
- Intramural sports
- Physical Education needs a classroom

Keith Gerritt stated that the physical education department worked hard to come together to prepare and present this review. He congratulated the department for its innovative program. Jim Segar invited the board to join Bands 2 or 3 on Thursday to observe students on the ropes course.

- 4.2. 2006-2007 School Profile: Lisa LaPlante shared with the board the U-32 School Profile from 2006-2007. Board members asked for information such as:

- Listing schools to which U-32 students were admitted, not only schools they attend,
- How many students decide to attend college out-of-state.

Central Office Facility Update: Tom Williams reported that discussion continues around the issue of moving WCSU central office to the U-32 campus.

5.0. Action Agenda



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5.1. Approve 2007-08 Equity Coordinators: Mark Berry moved to approve 2007-08 Equity Coordinators as presented by the administration. Seconded by Tom Williams, this motion carried unanimously.

5.2. Approve 2007-08 Co-Curricular Advisors: Mark Berry moved to approve 2007-08 Co-Curricular Advisors as presented by the administration. Seconded by Tom Williams, this motion carried unanimously.

5.3. Resignations: None.

5.4. Appointments: None.

5.5. Keith Gerritt reported the circumstances for a family that is requesting tuition waiver. Mark Berry moved to accept the administration's recommendation regarding the tuition waiver: to waive tuition for the senior and pro-rate tuition for the underclassman. Seconded by Tom Williams. Discussion followed regarding this issue and precedent, and the specificity of the residency law. A vote was called and the motion carried with two board members voting "no."

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

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| September 19, 2007 | \$68,985.59 | General |
| September 19, 2007 | \$2,140.00 | Athletic Officials |
| September 19, 2007 | \$412.87 | Food Services |

Seconded by Conrad Smith, this motion carried unanimously.

7.0. Ideas for Future Agenda: Allen Gilbert asked for a discussion about bullying/ harassment. Sue Chickering reported on a BEST Institute presentation she had seen on the subject. She recommended that the board, or the faculty, see the PowerPoint presentation that accompanied this presentation.

8.0. Board Comments: None.

9.0. Anticipated Executive Session: None.

10.0. Adjournment: There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary