

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 28, 2008**

Vice Chair Elsesser called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM in the Fall Mountain Regional High School Library. In attendance were Cheryl Cavanaugh, Andy Collins, Ken Hart and Rob Pearson. Debra Livingston, Brendan Minnihan and Steve Varone were also present. Chair Shaw joined the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Superintendent Livingston announced that January was National School Board Appreciation Month and students from the FMRSD were in attendance to honor members of the FMRSD Board.

Brandon and Sydney Lewis presented Board members with hand decorated mugs and letters of appreciation from students at the Early Learning Center.

Clara Miller, Joselynn Holt, and Madison Lord, 4th graders from the Acworth School read essays they had written entitled "The Importance of Education".

Tyler Gendron, President of the 8th Grade Class at Vilas School presented Board Members with hand-made bookmarks. Paula Southard-Stevens, Principal of the Charlestown Schools, presented each member with a scroll prepared by Title I Teacher Mary Beer, thanking them for their time and effort that also included some quotes on the best things about school from students at Charlestown Primary School.

Sam Jacobs, Principal of the Walpole Schools played a video made by Walpole students in which they sang "I've Been Working on the School Board" to the members.

Major John Cenney, Sargent Forde Delibac and Cadet Joe Hart presented Board members with a copy of the Cadet Creed and a Certificate of Appreciation signed by all the cadets.

Chair Shaw thanked all those present for the recognition.

Superintendent Livingston introduced Lynne Phillips, Technology Director, who had received a \$15,213 Digital Tools Grant that will be used to purchase Smart Boards and provide teacher training in the elementary and middle schools. Board members congratulated Ms. Phillips and Superintendent Livingston presented her with an Award of Excellence.

Superintendent Livingston introduced seven District teachers who had received \$5000 Phase II Technology Mini-Grants for each of the three Attendance Areas.

Board members congratulated Donna Bashaw-Benvie, Sheryl Pierce, Maggie Kyle, Andrea Vickers-Sivret, Peg Hartz, Mary Lord, and Jeanna Foote and Superintendent Livingston presented them with Awards of Excellence.

Superintendent Livingston announced Sam Jacobs had been elected to a three-year term as a Commissioner of Public and Middle Schools. Board members congratulated Mr. Jacobs and Superintendent Livingston presented him with an Award of Excellence.

Motion: (Cavanaugh/Elsesser) to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 Public Session with corrections. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Cavanaugh) to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 Non-Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Howland reported that Ms. Ferland was at a basketball practice but had asked him to report on high school sports, a Student Congress video, the Mentor Program, and a NHS project. Mr. Howland then mentioned the beginning of the second semester at the high school and a math meet scheduled for February 7th.

Ms. Cavanaugh advised members that the Policy Committee had met earlier in the day and that several policies would be coming before the Board at the next meeting as First Readings.

Ms. Cavanaugh indicated the Policy Committee was reviewing the Field Trip Policy and expressed concern that the Board had been asked to approve a non-school sponsored trip to El Salvatore by Interact Club members. At that time Mr. Ronning withdrew his request for Board approval for that trip.

Chair Shaw withdrew Board approval for that trip without objection.

Reports of Administrators:

Meg Green, Reading Specialist in the Charlestown Attendance Area and Selena Garrison, Tech Integration Specialist, presented an overview of STAR, Standardized Test for Assessment of Reading, a program being used at Charlestown Primary and North Charlestown Community Schools. Ms. Green emphasized that the test was a tool to accurately track the grade levels at which students were reading in order to provide them with appropriate level books; the goal being to increase the numbers of students reading at or above grade level.

Superintendent Livingston announced that she was hosting a Business and Education Breakfast Meeting to answer questions, share some data about our schools and community and provide networking for people at the high school in order to increase their understanding of the skills needed in today's workplace. In addition, Dr. Livingston extended an invitation to the Board to attend Fall Mountain Pride Night scheduled for March 4th.

New Business:

Motion: (Elsesser/Cavanaugh) to approve a request from the Cross Country Ski Team to participate in the State Championships February 12th-13th at the Gunstock Ski Area, and The Meet of champions, February 18th-19th in North Conway, NH. Passed- Unanimously

Motion: (Pearson/Collins) to approve a request to hold Fall Mountain Softball Clinics Sundays, 7:00-8:30 PM, February 10th through March 16th. Failed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Collins) to approve FMRSD's joining the NH Municipal Association in litigation against the NH Retirement System. Passed- Unanimously

Motion: (Cavanaugh/Pearson) to approve a Second Reading and Adoption of revised policies: AC, Nondiscrimination; BEA: School Board Meetings; and EEA Student Transportation Services. Passed- Unanimously

Motion: (Cavanaugh/Elsesser) to approve a Second Reading and Adoption of Policies EB, Safety Program; EBBC: Emergency Care and First Aid; EEAE: School Bus Safety Program; EEAEA: Mandatory Drug and Alcohol Testing; and EGA: Internet Access for Students. Passed - Unanimously

Motion: (Cavanaugh/Pearson) to approve a Leave of Absence for **Cynthia Wubbenhorst**, February 25, 2008 Passed- Unanimously

Motion: (Elsesser/Cavanaugh) to approve the resignations of **Erica Moody**, SPED Teacher, FMRHS, effective 2/15/2008; and **Marjorie Monahan**, Secretary, Charlestown Middle School, effective 1/31/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Pearson) to approve contract offers for **Hank Beecher**, Varsity Baseball Coach; **Frank Brown, JV** Baseball Coach; **Rick Elliott**, Head Track Coach; **Larry Sayers**, Assistant Track Coach; **Bruce Ferland**, Assistant Track Coach; and **Tim Allen**, Assistant Track Coach. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Hart/Elsesser) to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Passed Unanimously.

1/18/2008	Dental Claims	\$ 10,165.60
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1/18/2008	Accounts Payable	293,776.29
1/24/2008	Accounts Payable	77,106.08
1/28/2008	Accounts Payable	43,729.52

Other:

Mr. Varone reviewed the unaudited financial report for the period ending 12/31/07.

Chair Shaw indicated he had been in contact with Linda Bergeron from Surry and had been informed that all Surry students would attend school in Keene next year.

Motion: (Cavanaugh/Elsesser) to enter non-public session. Passed- Unanimously.

Following an affirmative roll call vote, entered non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 (c) at 8:11 PM
Exited non-public session at 9:20 PM and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk