

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 22, 2007**

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:31PM in the Fall Mountain Regional High School Library. In attendance were Cheryl Cavanaugh, Andy Collins, Ken Hart, Rob Pearson, and Chas Street. Debra Livingston, Brendan Minnihan, and Steve Varone were also present. Jim Elsesser joined the meeting at 6:52 PM.

**Board Honors:**

Carol Bennett introduced staff from the Alstead Primary and Acworth Schools who had been honored by the New Hampshire Partners of Education for outstanding volunteerism in the schools with a Blue Ribbon Award.

Board members congratulated Kathie Beam, Linda Putnam, Sheryl Pierce, and the absent Diane Crainich and Superintendent Livingston presented them with Awards of Excellence.

Paula Southard-Stevens introduced Peg Hartz, the Charlestown Primary School art teacher who, while teaching an art class in the cafeteria, performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a food services worker who was choking.

Board members congratulated Ms. Hartz and Superintendent Livingston presented her with an Award of Excellence.

**Motion:** (Pearson/Street) to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2007 Public Session with corrections. Passed Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Pearson/Street) to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2007 Non-Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

Chair Shaw mentioned a letter addressed to Superintendent Livingston from Lt. Rosemary Millard praising FMRHS Principal Tom Ronning's response to two separate incidents at the high school.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Howland gave an update of Fall Mountain sports and testing schedules; and commented positively on the increased security measures implemented at the high school.

Chair Shaw reported that the Budget Committee had met October 15<sup>th</sup> but because two members were absent, no officers had been elected. The next meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

Ms. Cavanaugh indicated the Policy Committee had not met because they were waiting for a response from the NHSBA, who had been contracted to review our Policy Manual and make recommendations to ensure district policies were in compliance with state laws and separate policies from procedures.

Mr. Collins mentioned he was meeting next week with Mr. Varone and Mr. Botting to review the Facilities 5-Year Plan.

Mr. Street commented on the RVTC Board meeting and invited Mr. Ronning and anyone else interested to join him at future meetings.

Chair Shaw recognized Sandy Burroughs from Primex, the District's Property/Causality/Workers Compensation insurance carrier, who gave a presentation of products and services offered to the District and its employees.

**Reports of Administrators:**

Superintendent Livingston gave a Power Point presentation outlining the vision, purpose, and mission of the District and how it is perceived in the community. In addition, data was presented that compared local statistics and various test results, by school, to district, state and national levels.

Superintendent Livingston mentioned one of the Board Goals was to publish a newsletter for the Fall Mountain community and noted that she had started gathering information for a fall edition.

Chair Shaw commended Superintendent Livingston for her visibility in the community and asked that she invite Board members to accompany her to various community meetings.

Mr. Varone reviewed September 30<sup>th</sup> unaudited financials and indicated he had been quoted .9% as the maximum guaranteed health insurance rate for next year

**Old Business:**

Mr. Collins asked the Board to re-open a discussion into whether or not the District should pay for Advanced Placement tests. Chair Shaw asked that the topic be put on the next Board agenda.

Mr. Collins initiated a discussion of the comparative cost of bio-diesel and diesel fuel, and suggested the Board should make a decision on which to use in the District.

Chair Shaw reviewed the Board Goals and commented on the status of each. Members indicated they would have further discussion at the next meeting regarding Board members touring all of the facilities as a group during the school year.

**New Business:**

The motion to approve the 5-Year Agreement with Goshen-Lempster was tabled pending further information.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Street) to accept the donation of a photography enlarger to FMRHS by Marshall Putnam. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Pearson/Street) to accept the donation of team warm-up suits to the FMRHS Girls JV Soccer Team by Nancy and Mike Harrington Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Collins/Pearson) to accept the resignation of **Tom Burke**, School-to-Work Coordinator, effective 11/2/2007. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Hart/Collins) to accept the retirement of **Christine Miller**, Grade 7/8 English Teacher, Vilas School, effective 6/30/2008, with gratitude. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Pearson/Street) to approve contract offers for:

**Mary Farino**, Special Education Aide, Walpole Primary School, effective 10/4/07

**Joanne Burrows**, Special Education Aide, FMRHS, effective 10/15/07. Passed- Unanimously

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

10/12/2007	Voucher	\$ 459,129.90
10/12/2007	Dental Claims	802.00
10/19/2007	Voucher	148,634.73
10/22/2007	Payroll	572,052.96

**Other:**

Board meeting dates for November will be November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Only one meeting will be held in December on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Chair Shaw asked for Board volunteers to attend the 2007 NHSBA Delegate Assembly in Concord on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Shaw adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Pappas,  
Board Clerk