

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 8, 2007**

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

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007 Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Correspondence:

Chair Shaw recognized Sam Jacobs who thanked Glen Stan, Kim Lewis, and Jamie Karaffa for their efforts in taking the Walpole seventh and eighth graders to Camp Tacodah the week of September 24th.

Chair Shaw mentioned thank you notes received from Sheila Grimsley and Deb DeTore.

Old Business:

Mr. Howland spoke of a newly organized Hospitality Club at FMRHS, started by Val Forrest as part of her Consumer Science Program; NECAP testing for 10th graders beginning this week; and announced the Student of the Month for September was Jocelyn Ferland.

Ms. Ferland reviewed FMRHS sports and reported the Student Congress was planning a semi-formal dance for December 8th; the Video Committee was working on a project with Mr. Grimsley preparing a video tour of the high school for 8th graders; and two National Honor Society fund raisers.

Mr. Street mentioned the RVTC Board had met earlier in the day and assigned James McAuliffe of the Bellows Falls School Board and Robert Flint, Vice Chair of RVTC Board as representatives to the Inter-State Study Committee.

Chair Shaw reported that the Budget Committee would meet October 15th at 5:00 PM.

Reports of Administrators:

Following up on last week's Board vote on the Alstead tuition issue, Superintendent Livingston indicated siblings of the students now attending Walpole schools who have not yet entered school would attend school in Alstead, similarly any students moving into the "Ridge" area of Alstead would attend Alstead schools and any parent requesting a transfer for the sole purpose of educating their child in Walpole would be denied.

Chair Shaw recognized Lynne Phillips, Fall Mountain Director of Technology who introduced Christine Broadley and Micci Freyenhagen, Walpole Primary School teachers, who in turn, introduced two of their students, Andrea and Taylor Elsesser. The two second graders gave a short demonstration of a science lesson on a "Smart Board". Following that presentation, Rick Elliott introduced three of his high school math students, Whitney Scott, Harry Beltran, and Joey Fico. Mr. Elliott presented those in attendance with a math problem and, with the help of the "Smart Board", the three students and Ms. Ferland, demonstrated how it could be used to increase understanding of geometry concepts and problem solving skills.

New Business:

Motion: (Street/Hart) to approve a request by Daniel Higgins to take a group of students to Rome and Pompeii Italy during Winter Vacation, February 15-21, 2008. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Pearson/Street) to approve a request by Bill Ranauro to take a group of students to Rome and Pompeii Italy for 11 days in February of 2009. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve a request by Tom Ronning to allow Glen D'Eon and Major Cenney and their students to participate in the Bellows Falls Firemen's parade, October 14, 2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve a request for the Middle School Boys and Girls Soccer Teams to participate in the Westmoreland Soccer Tournament, October 13-14, 2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Street/Pearson) to accept the retirement of **Marilyn Cloutier**, Grade 3 Teacher, Charlestown Primary School, effective 6/30/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Street/Pearson) to accept the resignation of **Pam Patnode**, District Substitute, effective 9/20/2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve contract offers for:

Angela Faro, Special Education Aide, Walpole Elementary School, effective 9/24/2007

Pamela Patnode, Special Education Aide, Vilas School, effective 9/24/2007

Kenneth Horn, District Substitute, effective 9/25/2007

Pam Tobin, FMRHS Project Graduation Advisor Passed- Unanimously

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

9/28/2007	Voucher	\$ 16,298.91
10/4/2007	Voucher	208,471.78
10/8/2007	Payroll	571,923.21

Motion: (Street/Elsesser) to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3.

Entered non-public session at 7:40 PM.

The Board exited non-public session at 8:30 and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk