

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 5, 2007**

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM in the Fall Mountain Regional High School Library. In attendance were 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 October 8, 2007 Public Session with corrections. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Ms. Ferland provided an update on FMRHS sports and mentioned Hannah Bujnevicie had been selected as a NH All-State Volleyball Player and Michelle Heath had been honored as NH Volleyball Coach of the Year. In addition, the Student Congress had purchased a camera and would be taking photos of school events to post on the District web site; the National Honor Society had visited the Early Learning Center and carved pumpkins with students; the Freshmen Mentors were hosting a movie night; and the Future Farmers of America fruit sale would end November 20th.

Mr. Howland mentioned Parent-Teacher Conferences November 19th; construction of the new barn would be completed by December and students working on it were carving their names into the braces; Tyler Tobin had been named Student of the Month for November; and Jocelyn Ferland had won the DAR Award.

Chair Shaw reported that the Budget Committee had met earlier in the day and Bob Beaudry and Bill Perron had been elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Mechanisms for funding the five town-specific capital reserves and sick leave buy-back were discussed.

Chair Shaw recognized Tom Ronning who reviewed statistics on the numbers of students taking Advanced Placement exams and recommended the District pay for one-half of the fee (currently \$83) with the condition that if a student refused to take the exam, they would be required to reimburse the amount paid by the District.

Motion: (Street/Elsesser) to approve Mr. Ronning's request. Passed- Unanimously.

The Policy Committee will be asked to revise the current policy on Advanced Placement exams.

Old Business:

Chair Shaw recognized Mr. Varone who summarized the bio-diesel experiment performed with one school bus, driven approximately 300 miles over the summer months. Board members discussed the performance of bio-diesel in cold weather and the relative cost of the fuel and suggested the District continue testing the fuel using one school bus through March 2008, at which time Mr. Varone would present the results to the Board for consideration.

Chair Shaw suggested the discussion of the Board Facilities Tour be tabled until all members were present.

Reports of Administrators:

Superintendent Livingston introduced Tammy Vittum, who gave a Power Point presentation on the Fall Mountain Early Learning Center and its operational procedures and student enrollments.

Superintendent Livingston asked the Board to consider postponing Bill Botting's review of the District Five-Year Facilities Plan due to its length and complexity. The Board agreed to meet Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 PM.

New Business:

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve an unbudgeted staff request for an Individual Special Education Aide at the Alstead Primary School. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Hart/Pearson) to approve a request by Major John Cenney for the JROTC to attend a function at the White River Junction VA Hospital, Sunday, November 11, 2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Hart/Elsesser) to approve a request by FMRHS to hold its annual Winter Concert, Sunday, December 9, 2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to accept the donation of twelve utility tables and numerous school supplies to the Walpole School by the Walmart store in Claremont, NH. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Pearson/Street) to approve a request for an unpaid leave of absence for **Janet Ramsey**, Special Education Aide, North Walpole School, February 27-28, 2008. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Pearson) to accept the resignation of **Bryan Lloyd**, FMRHS Girls Nordic Ski Coach, effective 10/30/2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to accept the retirements of **Sue Richardson**, Guidance Secretary, FMRHS, **Linda Westney**, Food Service Worker, Charlestown Middle School, **Carson Graves**, FMRHS Social Studies Teacher, and **James Brooks**, Facilities, effective 6/30/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

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

John Putnam, Vilas Boys Basketball Coach, effective 11/14/2007
Curt Dutilley, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Mark Ferenc, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Jim Brunelle, Boys Reserve Basketball Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Larry Sayers, Boys Cross Country Ski Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Russ Pickering, Girls JV Basketball Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Terance Relihan, Boys JV Basketball Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Rick Elliott, Indoor Track Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Eva Beam, FMRHS Spirit Coach, effective 11/6/2007
Jason Bardis, Charlestown Boys Basketball Coach, effective 11/13/2007
Mike Allen, Charlestown Girls Basketball Coach, effective 11/13/2007
Mindy Farnsworth, Charlestown Cheerleading Coach, effective 11/13/2007
Julie Parrott, Vilas Girls Basketball Coach, effective 11/12/2007

Passed- 3/1 (Street) (Pearson abstained)

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

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| 10/26/2007 | Voucher | \$ 173,880.75 |
| 10/30/2007 | Voucher | 148,323.52 |
| 11/2/2007 | Voucher | 30,406.90 |
| 11/2/2007 | Dental Claims | 9,952.75 |
| 11/2/2007 | Dental Claims | 1,497.75 |
| 11/2/2007 | Dental Claims | 151.00 |
| 11/5/2007 | Payroll | 577,841.40 |

Other:

Superintendent Livingston poled the Board members on a possible date for a NHSBA Board Workshop with Cindy Hatch. It was decided to host the workshop on Thursday, December 6th at 4:00 PM at the FMRHS Library.

Motion: (Elsesser/Pearson) to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a)(c).

On an affirmative roll call vote, entered non-public session at 7:55 PM.

Exited non-public session at 8:20 PM.

Motion: (Elsesser/Pearson) to approve a request by Curt Dutilley to hold girls basketball practice Sunday, November 11, 2007. Failed 4/1 (Pearson)

Chair Shaw adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk

