

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

Chair Elsesser called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM in the Fall Mountain Regional High School Computer Lab. In attendance were Cheryl Cavanaugh, Andy Collins, Ken Hart, Rob Pearson, Chuck Shaw and Chas Street. Debra Livingston and Brendan Minnihan were also present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Chair Elsesser established the purpose of the meeting was to formulate District and Board goals before turning the meeting over to Superintendent Livingston who reminded those present of the District Mission, Vision, Purpose and Core Values.

Superintendent Livingston made some suggestions for Board goals and reviewed the process that would be followed to establish those goals, which would include 5-7 Board Goals and 3-5 Instructional Goals encompassing Curriculum and Instruction, Data Management and Response to Intervention.

Assistant Superintendent Minnihan then led the group through specific NECAP scores in mathematics and related them to the State Grade Level Expectations.

Superintendent Livingston reiterated the District's Long Term Reading Goal which proposed to have 85% of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students reading at or above grade level by 2011. One short-term District Goal proposed to increase student's math, reading and writing NECAP scores by 5-7% annually. And yet another, that teachers will learn and implement 5 or more research-based instructional strategies by the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

Dr. Minnihan stressed that teachers would need to be given the skills they would need to accomplish these goals and that strategies would need to be implemented throughout the District.

Superintendent Livingston introduced Lynn Carey, Charlestown Assistant Principal who presented a demonstration of "Performance Pathways", offered through the Department of Education web-site and available to all teachers in the District. Using this informational tool, teachers are able to look at student test results from the NECAP and NWEA MAP tests to identify specific concepts that need additional instruction. Mrs. Southard-Stevens added that teachers would be able to look at those test scores of their incoming students and then modify individual instruction plans based on specific needs.

Carol Bennett, Principal of the Alstead schools presented a Power Point on Response to Intervention and explained the 3-Tier Approach incorporating 3 main elements: a core reading program grounded in research, classroom monitoring, and progress monitoring of all K-3 students, combined with ongoing professional development to provide teachers with tools to ensure all students receive quality and appropriate instruction.

Board members made the following suggestions for short and long term goals:

- Maintain high standards while maintaining budget levels necessary because of lower enrollments
- Use technology when possible to increase/maintain student course offerings in light of declining enrollments
- Research feasibility of Tiered Diplomas
- Produce a sustainable technology plan
- Coordinate curriculum across the district
- Look for ways to reduce our carbon footprint
- Have an accountability structure/plan in place
- Develop conflict-intervention strategies for students
- Decrease the drop-out rate

Superintendent Livingston indicated the administration would report back at a future meeting with these suggestions formalized into Board/District goals.

Chair Elsesser recessed the meeting at 6:17 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:35 PM.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Street) to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008 Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Shaw/Hart) to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008 Non-Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Howland mentioned events at the high school; a donation by Sears of fertilizer for athletic fields to area schools; and the acceptance of Mr. Belsky's students into the Granite State Challenge next year.

Ms. Ferland reported on student activities and athletic events at the high school.

Mr. Street indicated the High School Renovation Committee would meet May 5<sup>th</sup> and on the first and third Mondays each month thereafter.

**Reports of Administrators:**

Superintendent Livingston distributed draft copies of the "Fall Mountain Message", the Board Newsletter, and asked members to contact her with any proposed changes.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** (Pearson/Street) to accept the donation of a Dell 1100MP Projector and Projector Lamp to the Charlestown schools by Richard and Cheryl Cavanaugh. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Street/Shaw) to approve an overnight field trip by Walpole 7<sup>th</sup> graders to Camp Takodah, September 29-October 3, 2008. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Hart/Cavanaugh) to approve an agreement between the Langdon Police Department and the FMRSD SRO. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Pearson/Street) to approve FMRHS Course offerings, Public Speaking; World Literature (CP); English Literature & Composition (AP); Mythology and the Hero; Strategies for Success; Computer Applications; Film Studies; Health Occupation Exploration; Hospitality and Tourism; Baking; and Survival Cooking. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Collins/Pearson) to approve an unbudgeted staff request at Walpole Middle School, effective 4/28/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Pearson/Cavanaugh) to accept the resignations of Dianne Avery, Special Education Aide, VASE Collaborative, effective 4/17/2008; Kelly Towle, Grade 8 Science and Social Studies Teacher, Charlestown Middle School, effective 6/30/2008; and Shea Guetti, Communication Assistant, Vilas School, effective 3/14/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Shaw/Cavanaugh) to approve contract offers for:

**Kevin Hicks and Lynda Chandler, Jr.** High Summer School Coordinators, effective summer 2008

**Ed Evensen,** Alstead Band and Chorus Director, effective August 2008

**Sharon Miller and Penelope Gendron,** Alstead Drama Club, effective August 2008

**Pam Patnode and Elaine Gray,** Alstead 8th Grade Advisors, effective August 2008

**Elaine Gray,** Alstead Recycling Coordinator, effective August 2008

**Richard Meek,** Alstead Student Council Coordinator, effective August 2008

**Deborah Guerriere and Elaine Gray,** Alstead Yearbook Advisors, effective August 2008

**Barbara Massicotte,** Alstead Math Team Coordinator, effective August 2008

**Ronald Schilb,** Middle School Foreign Language Teacher, effective 8/22/2008

Passed Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Pearson) to approve a Second Reading and Adoption of Policies:

**DFA:** Investment

**EIB:** Liability Insurance and Pooled Risk Management Programs

**GBEBA:** Staff Dress Code

**JJE:** Student Fund Raising Activities

**JJF: Student Activity Funds**  
Passed- Unanimously

**Motion:** (Hart/Cavanaugh) to approve an overnight field trip by the JROTC to Hiram, Maine, May 9-10, 2008. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Shaw) 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 6:55 PM.

Exited non-public session and resumed the public meeting at 7:37 PM.

**Motion:** (Street/Shaw) to approve a contract offer for Dr. Wanda Woods, principal, Alstead schools, effective 7/1/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

**Other:**

Dr. Shaw addressed Mr. Collins' letter to the editor published in the local newspapers and suggested Mr. Collins should resign. All other Board members present indicated they disagreed with Mr. Collins' views but felt he should remain on the Board.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Pearson) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Pappas,  
Board Clerk