

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 12, 2008**

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Elsesser recognized Superintendent Livingston who announced Board Honors would be given to Jamie MacDonald and Mallory Fredriksen for receiving Scholar Leader Awards; Alex Kossakoski, Jamie MacDonald, Tyler Gendron and Elizabeth Cubberley for being invited to attend the Presidential Young Leaders Conference and National Youth Inaugural Conference; Thomas Pilvelait, who received a State Award with High Honors from the CTY Talent Search; RoseAlaine Leone, Joshua Sullivan, Jamie MacDonald, Jacqueline LaChapelle, Hannah Yoerger, Tyler Gendron, Victoria Walker, Heidi Miller, and Team Coach Barbara Massicotte of the winning Vilas Math Team. Those present received Certificates of Achievement and congratulations from the Board. In addition, Superintendent Livingston recognized the parents of those students.

Motion: (Pearson/Hart) to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: (Shaw/Hart) to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 Non-Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Street reported the High School Renovation Committee had an organizational meeting May 5th and would meet again May 19th to hear the administration's proposal and have a tour of the site.

Ms. Ferland spoke of the Student Council's last meeting and dinner, Teacher Appreciation Day, and a track meet and softball game scheduled for May 13th.

Mr. Howland mentioned teachers were working on the Loti survey which tracks technical integration in classrooms, and also that incoming freshman would meet with teachers the week following Memorial Day.

Reports of Administrators:

Superintendent Livingston introduced Dr. Wanda Woods, the new Principal of the Alstead Attendance Area .

Dr. Livingston reminded Board members that they had mentioned asking members of the Budget Committee to attend a Board meeting for a year-end summary and suggested May 27th. The Board agreed and asked Mr. Varone to provide a review and answer questions.

Dr. Livingston reported Mr. Varone and the principals had met, reviewed all budgets, and been able to find the funds to reinstate the K-8 Media Generalist position originally cut from the 2008-2009 budget.

Dr. Livingston went on to announce that after discussion with the Walpole Site-Based Committee, staff, and community members, Sam Jacobs was recommending moving the Walpole second graders into the North Walpole School next fall. This move would alleviate some of the current overcrowding at the Primary School and would be re-evaluated annually as enrollments declined.

Dr. Livingston then asked for guidance on the subject of Board members serving on administrative search committees. She indicated her job description states she will nominate the best qualified people and her duty was to make sure the interview process was rigorous. Board members indicated they felt very comfortable with her candidate evaluation process. The outcome of this discussion was that one Board member would in future be a non-voting participant on administrative search committees.

Dr. Livingston announced that AYP reports had been released by the state and the District would remain a District In Need of Improvement along with approximately 50% of districts state-wide. Additionally, approximately 60% of schools state-wide had been designated as in need of improvement including CMS, CPS and FMRHS for reading; CPS, FMRHS, NWS and

WMS for math. Three schools who had that designation for math in the past had achieved Adequate Yearly Progress this year, including Charlestown Middle School, and the Board offered congratulations to Paula Southard-Stevens, Principal.

New Business:

Motion: (Hart/Pearson) to accept the donation of fertilizer for the District athletic fields from Sears in Keene, NH. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Shaw/Hart) to accept donations on behalf of the Charlestown Attendance Area of money given in lieu of flowers to be used for the Dave DeTore Memorial Athletic Field. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Street/Pearson) to accept a \$500 grant from the Putnam Foundation to be applied toward the purchase of a computer-based reading program at Charlestown Primary School. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Shaw/Street) to accept the resignations of **Caroline Shannon**, Special Education Aide, Walpole Middle School, effective 6/18/2008; **Rene Murad**, Computer Technician, effective 5/30/2008; and **Lisa Chamberlain**, Special Education Teacher, North Charlestown Community School, effective 6/30/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Street/Hart) to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for **Patti Vosteen**, Special Education Aide, Walpole Primary School, June 9-18/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

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

Martha Reynolds, Art Teacher, Alstead Attendance Area, effective 8/22/2008

Alysia Duncanson, Special Education Teacher, Charlestown Middle School, effective 8/22/2008

Mary Ellen Remick, Special Education Teacher, Charlestown Middle School, effective 8/22/2008

Ashley Wright, Special Education Teacher, North Charlestown Community School, effective 8/22/2008

Passed Unanimously.

Motion: (Shaw/Pearson) to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Passed- Unanimously.

4/18/2008	Accounts Payable	\$409,015.26
5/1/2008	Payroll	59,569.90
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5/1/2008	Liability Checks	140,336.10
5/2/2008	Accounts Payable	169,235.67
5/2/2008	Dental Claims	825.80
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5/9/2008	Accounts Payable	147,291.77
5/11/2008	Dental Claims	1,254.00

Other:

Mr. Hart mentioned he had attended the JROTC Military Ball May 3rd and Brigadier General Semonite had asked him to convey his gratitude to the Board and Fall Mountain community for supporting the JROTC Program.

Motion: (Pearson/Shaw) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk