

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

Chair Elsesser called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM in the Fall Mountain Regional High School Library/Media Center. In attendance were Cheryl Cavanaugh, Andy Collins, Ken Hart, Rob Pearson and Chas Street. Debra Livingston, Brendan Minnihan and Steve Varone were also present. Chuck Shaw joined the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Elsesser recognized Superintendent Livingston who asked Paula Southard-Stevens to introduce Board Honors recipients Kecia Kofoed, Charlestown Guidance Counselor who had saved a child who was choking; and Middle Level Scholar Leaders from Charlestown, Jennifer Allen and Alexander Peck. Board members offered congratulations and Superintendent Livingston presented them with Awards of Excellence.

**Motion:** (Hart/Street) to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008 Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Ferland reported the Student Congress had elected officers for the 2008-2009 school year, and had also elected Will Carmody as the student representative to the School Board. Ms. Ferland also mentioned a fund raiser being planned by the agriculture students involving cultivating a field and raising butternut squash to be sold at Boston's vegetable market.

Mr. Howland mentioned baseball and softball teams, the Spring Concert and MAP testing at the high school.

Mr. Street reported on the High School Renovation Committee and noted Quinn Brewer, slated to serve on that committee would be replaced by Herb Hurlburt if the Board approved.

**Motion:** (Shaw/Collins) to approve the appointment of Herb Hurlburt to the FMRHS Building Committee. Passed- Unanimously.

Ms. Cavanaugh indicated the Policy Committee had met earlier in the day to continue the review of the Policy Manual. Additionally, she distributed a draft of a new Superintendent's Evaluation tool and asked Board members to email her any questions or comments they had.

**Reports of Administrators:**

Superintendent Livingston commented that members of the Budget Committee had been invited this evening to hear Business Administrator Steve Varone's 07-08 budget presentation.

Mr. Varone reported the 2007-2008 budget currently had a surplus of approximately \$225,000 due primarily to low health insurance claims. However, Mr. Varone warned that fuel costs were running \$125,000 over budget and expressed concern that since 200,000 gallons at \$2.75 per gallon had been budgeted for 2008-2009 the District would face a \$250,000 to \$300,000 deficit next year.

Board members discussed putting forth a Warrant Article creating an expendable trust fund that would be funded with any FY09 surplus. Both the FMRHS and Special Education Reserve Funds could be used for this purpose with voter approval next March.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Hart) to accept the donation of materials and construction for a playground at the Sarah Porter School. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Street) to approve the retirement of **Charles Steiner**, Charlestown Middle School Custodian, effective 7/25/2008, with gratitude. Passed- Unanimously.

**Motion:** (Cavanaugh/Street) to accept the resignation of **Pamela Patnode**, Special Education Aide, Vilas School, effective 6/30/2008. Passed- Unanimously.

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

**Deborah Guerriere**, Staff Development Secretary, effective 8/27/2008

**Pamela Patnode**, Secretary, Charlestown Middle School, effective 8/27/2008

**Daria Durling**, Nurse, Charlestown Attendance Area, effective 8/22/2008

**Lisa Chamberlain**, Student Services Coordinator/Academic Evaluator, effective 7/1/2008

Charlestown Co-Curricular Positions effective August 2008:

**Mitch Wasserman**, Boys Soccer Coach

**Rachel Blaine**, Girls Soccer Coach

**Karin Sheehan**, Chorus and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor

**Julia Armstrong**, Band

**Shawn Brodeur-Stevens**, Recycling

**Peg Hartz and Andrea Vickers-Sivret**, Yearbook Advisors

**MJ Bentley**, Math Team

**Mary Lord**, CMS Lead Teacher

**Jason Bardis**, Activities Director

**Kathy Hesch**, CPS Lead Teacher

**Brenda Thurber, Mike Wright and Lauren Simpson**, NCCCS Lead Teachers

Passed Unanimously.

Chair Elsesser recognized Mary Holmes, Library Assistant at the Vilas School who requested Board approval to name the Vilas Library after retiring Principal Carol Bennett as a tribute to her years of service to the District.

**Motion:** (Hart/Cavanaugh) to name the library at the Vilas School after retiring Principal Carol Bennett. Passed- Unanimously.

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

5/16/2008	Payroll	\$511,503.82
5/16/2008	Payroll	28,880.35
5/16/2008	Payroll	61,772.07
5/16/2008	Accounts Payable	349,513.66
5/23/2008	Accounts Payable	116,849.36
5/23/2008	Dental Claims	8,673.50
5/23/2008	Dental Claims	377.00
5/23/2008	Dental Claims	807.75

**Motion:** (Shaw/Street) to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(a).

On an affirmative roll call vote, entered non-public session at 7:13 PM.

Exited non-public session at 8:28 PM and resumed the public meeting.

**Motion:** (Shaw/Pearson) to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to offer a contract to Lorraine Landry as Assistant Superintendent with a salary to be within the amount budgeted for that position. Passed- Unanimously.

**Other:**

Superintendent Livingston asked Board members to consider meeting once in June on the 9<sup>th</sup> and once in July, on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and to resume the regular schedule in August. Board members approved this summer schedule.

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

Chair Elsesser adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Pappas,  
Board Clerk