

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 9, 2007**

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the Fall Mountain Regional High School Library. In attendance were Cheryl Cavanaugh, Andy Collins, Jim Elsesser, Ken Hart, Rob Pearson, and Chas Street. Debra Livingston, Brendan Minnihan, and Steve Varone were also present.

Motion: (Cavanaugh/Elsesser) to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors:

Chair Shaw recognized Deb Hinman, Chair of the Cold River Local Advisory Committee who advised Board members that the Drinking Water Protection Plan for the Cold River Watershed had been completed, and encouraged them to review it at www.coldriver.org.

Correspondence:

Chair Shaw mentioned a letter from five individuals requesting the Board to explore issues surrounding the formation of the default budget. After discussion Board members agreed that according to RSA 4013 IX(b), it was the Board's responsibility to determine the default budget, and it was unnecessary to form a separate committee to assume that responsibility. Members did feel it would be beneficial to the community at large if the administration did a presentation on the default budget during one of the September Board meetings.

Without objection, Chair Shaw indicated he would draft a letter in response thanking the authors for their input and inviting them to the presentation in September.

Old Business:

Mr. Howland commented on summer sports sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Commission and mentioned Courtney Stanley had won the Keene Sentinel's "Athlete of the Year" competition.

Mr. Elsesser reported on the Alstead Tuition Study Committee's meeting held earlier in the day and mentioned they had discussed the physical plant aspect of moving students around in the District. The next meeting had been scheduled for August 9th at 5:30 PM.

Ms. Cavanaugh indicated the Policy Committee was looking for a community member to serve. Meetings would start sometime in August.

Reports of Administrators:

Superintendent Livingston thanked Board members for her appointment and her family, friends, and the Board for their support. Ms. Livingston told Board members her vision at Fall Mountain is "Improving Lives", and that she had been interviewing administrators and community members, gathering information from different perspectives. She mentioned she would be forming a "cabinet", consisting of the Assistant Superintendent, Business Administrator, Special Education Director, Technology Director, and Facilities Manager, that would meet weekly as a way to bring different perspectives to the table and make suggestions for decision making. In an effort to bring greater public interaction at Board meetings, she would like to establish "Board Honors" as a way to honor individual student or staff accomplishments throughout the year.

Mr. Varone reviewed Food Services Meal Count Comparisons for the 2006-2007 school year and indicated the program would again end the year in the red.

New Business:

Motion: (Elsesser/Cavanaugh) to approve the use of the Vilas School kitchen for the preparation of Friendly Meals and Meals on Wheels from July 30 through late August 2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Street/Cavanaugh) to approve contract offers for **Jacqueline Cary**, Special Education Teacher, Charlestown Middle School, effective 8/23/2007; **Timothy Goggin**, Special Education Teacher, VASE, effective 8/23/2007; **Cheryl Winter**, Special Education Aide, Walpole Primary School, effective 8/28/2007; **Mary Halley-Streeter**, Special Education

Aide , VASE, effective 8/28/2007; **Kayla Faxon**, Special Education Aide, Walpole Middle School, effective 8/28/2007; **Ryan Chase**, Special Education Aide, Charlestown Primary School, effective 8/28/2007; and **Glen Taylor**, Custodian, Sarah Porter School, effective 7/1/2007. Passed- Unanimously.

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

Karen Rumrill, Regular Education Aide, Charlestown Primary School, effective 8/28/2007

Rachel Kilburn, Library Assistant, North Walpole School, effective 8/28/2007

Beth Vickers, Regular Education Aide, Walpole Middle School, effective 8/28/2007

Passed- Unanimously

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

6/27/2007-6/29/2007	Accounts Payable	\$580,200.75
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7/9/2007	Payroll	401,882.50
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7/9/2007	Accounts Payable	109,881.19
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Chair Shaw adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk