

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 27, 2007**

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:31 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.

Board Honors:

Superintendent Livingston announced Board Honors would be given to Brendan Minnihan in recognition of his receiving a Doctorate in Educational Research from the University of Minnesota, Bloomington.

Board members congratulated Dr. Minnihan and Superintendent Livingston presented him with an Award of Excellence.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2007 Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2007 Non-Public Session as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors/ Public Input:

Mr. Street introduced Carl Mock, Director of the River Valley Technical Center, Bob Flint, Vice Chair, and Tom Leever, Chair of the VT Governor's Committee.

These gentlemen outlined the creation of the RVTC District and the process to be followed in order to create an Inter-State District and allow Fall Mountain to hold a voting membership on the RVTC Board. After receiving the approval of the RVTC and FMRSD Boards, and approval from the VT and NH state boards, voters in both states would need to give their approval. The formation of a study group was suggested, funding for that group to be split between both districts, with the expectation that the group would set a time-line to bring the issue to district voters. It was suggested the study group consist of a minimum of two individuals from each district, one to be a Board member, with Superintendent Livingston and Mr. Ronning serving as ad hoc members.

Motion: (Street/Cavanaugh) to pursue the formation of an Inter-State District Study Group and to request the NH Commissioner of Education to appoint members to study the advisability of establishing a New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate School District for technical education, in accordance with state statutes. Passed- Unanimously (Hart abstained)

Chair Shaw appointed Mr. Street to the study committee and suggested former Board member Cindy Creteau-Miller be asked to serve.

Chair Shaw recognized Tom Beaudry who addressed the Board and questioned high school policies relative to the grading scale, summer homework, and unexcused absences for students attending regional and national competitions.

Mr. Ronning responded that the grading scale and summer homework would be reviewed with Superintendent Livingston, and the policy with regards to unexcused absences was that if the student could show the educational value of the absence to Mr. Ripley, the absence would be excused.

Old Business:

Mr. Howland gave Board members an update on high school sports and mentioned teacher in-services held last week and freshmen orientation taking place tomorrow.

Ms. Cavanaugh reported the Policy Committee would meet September 10th at 5:00 PM.

Reports of Administrators:

Superintendent Livingston announced FMRSD had attained AYP this year and shared each school's results with Board members.

Mr. Varone reported on FY 2007 unaudited financial results, key variances, and fund balances; noting an \$838,000 surplus attributable to low health and dental claims and lower salaries resulting from staff turn over.

Chair Shaw suggested a warrant article be drafted for the 2008 Warrant halting the funding of the FMRHS Capital Reserve Fund and perhaps channel future excess funds into the individual town reserve funds or a fund to reduce sick-leave buy back expenditures.

New Business:

Motion: (Elsesser/Pearson) to approve an overnight field trip for Acworth Grade 3 and 4 students to Spring Brook Farm in Reading, VT, September 6-7, 2007. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Street/Cavanaugh) to accept the resignations of **Shawn Scott**, Special Education Aide, Charlestown Middle School, effective 8/20/2007; and **Andrea Vickers-Sivret**, Charlestown Girls Soccer Coach, effective 8/22/2007. Passed- Unanimously.

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

Cara Bianchi, Special Education Teacher, Early Learning Center
Kathryn Hewes, Special Education Teacher, VASE Collaborative
Pamela Patnode, District Substitute
Linda Iacopucci, Lead Teacher, Sarah Porter School.

Passed- Unanimously.

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

8/16/2007	Payroll	\$119,181.41
8/13/2007	Warrant	305,924.87
8/13/2007	Warrant	2,395.05
8/17/2007	Warrant	28,756.95
8/27/2007	Warrant	64,221.36
8/27/2007	Warrant	53.60
New Hampshire Department of Education Form 25		
School Financial Report MS-25		

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

Passed- Unanimously

Entered non-public session at 7:31 PM.

Exited non-public session at 7:45PM and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk