

**FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 24, 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.

Motion: (Elsesser/Pearson) to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Public Session with corrections. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Howland reported on the loan of a “gator” to the FMRHS Agriculture Department by Mr. Michael Snide of Pinnacleview Equipment, the work on the grounds by the horticulture and forestry students, and the bomb scare at the high school last week. In addition, Mr. Howland commented upon three technology students who had designed and produced athletic score books being used at the University of Connecticut.

Chair Shaw reviewed the history of the Alstead Tuition issue and the establishment of the Inter-Town Study Committee.

Vice Chair Elsesser, who chaired the Inter-Town Study Committee, mentioned the committee make-up, its goal, and the history of the district, as it related to the apportionment formula and why Alstead children living on “The Ridge” had historically been assigned to the Walpole schools.

Mr. Elsesser reviewed the request from the Alstead selectmen to educate those children in Alstead schools and offered a Power Point presentation outlining some of the issues considered by the committee; including enrollment figures in the Alstead and Walpole Attendance Areas, tuition history, class sizes, state aid, apportionment formula variations, and the costs of resources, books, and materials.

Policy JECCA, Student Transfer Requests, was also reviewed as were transportation details and the seven different options the committee considered and voted on.

In conclusion, Mr. Elsesser indicated the committee had voted to recommend that beginning in the 08-09 school year, all children in grades K-5 would be educated in Alstead schools while those in grades 6-8 would remain at Walpole Elementary.

Chair Shaw opened the floor to community members who addressed the Board with questions and comments regarding the committee’s recommendation and the Board Policy.

Ms. Cavanaugh asked Superintendent Livingston to share her views on the subject.

Superintendent Livingston reported that she had interviewed over 60 District residents, gotten their perspectives, and was concerned that this issue had split a community. Dr. Livingston recommended those children in grades K-8 currently attending Walpole schools remain in Walpole and any new children moving into “The Ridge” for the 08-09 school year attend school in Alstead.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to accept the superintendent’s recommendation and grandfather those children living in the Alstead Ridge Area and currently attending school in Walpole. Passed 6/1 (Collins)

Chair Shaw called for a short recess at 8:09 PM. The meeting resumed at 8:22 PM.

Reports of Administrators:

Superintendent Livingston presented the Board with the FY’09 Budget Time-Line.

Chair Shaw accepted the Budget Time-Line as presented without objection.

Budget Committee Chair Beaudry mentioned his committee would have an organizational meeting October 15th at 5:00 PM.

New Business:

Motion: (Street/Pearson) to accept the donation of dictionaries for all Walpole 3rd grade students from the Walpole Community Grange and Walpole Wash’n Dry. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to accept the resignations of **Frances Meier**, Food Services, Charlestown Middle School, effective 9/18/2007; **Andrea Domitrovich**, Special Education Aide, Charlestown Middle School, effective 9/14/2007; **Kenneth Horn**, Special Education Aide, Walpole Middle School, effective 9/10/2007; **Patti Neal**, Project Graduation Coordinator; and **Martha Yoerger**, Co-Grade 11 Class Advisor. Passed- Unanimously.

Motion: (Elsesser/Street) to approve contract offers for:
Andrea Domitrovich, Special Education Teacher, Charlestown Middle School, effective 9/17/2007
Elizabeth Eaton, Title I Tutor, Charlestown Primary and Sarah Porter Schools, effective 9/12/2007
Karla Chaffee, Charlestown Wellness Representative, effective 9/2007
Pamela Patnode and Elaine Gray, Vilas School, Grade 8 Advisors, effective 9/2007
Tammy Vittum, Early Childhood Supervisor, effective 9/2007
Maggie Kyle, Paraprofessional Mentor Coordinator, effective 9/2007
Ernest Perry, K-8 Visual Arts Coordinator, effective 9/2007
Melissa Monty, Co-Grade 11 Class Advisor
Sarah Grant, Co- Grade 10 Class Advisor
Bob Howland, Jr. High Assistant Football Coach
Passed- Unanimously

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

9/14/2007	Voucher	\$ 422,961.97
9/15/2007	Voucher	29,310.96
9/21/2007	Dental Claims	1,346.00
9/21/2007	Dental Claims	1,528.25
9/21/2007	Dental Claims	12,192.85
9/24/2007	Voucher	148,047.60
9/24/2007	Payroll	570,056.56

Chair Shaw adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Pappas,
Board Clerk