

DUMMER SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of School Board Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2006
Dummer Town Hall

PRESENT:

Dummer School Board Members: Chairman Julie Glover, Nancy Bisson, Jennifer Miller
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet
Other: Kimberly Hockmeyer, Recorder

I. Call to Order

Julie Glover called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Public Comments: None.

III. Acceptance of Minutes, dated: 6/12/06

Motion made by Nancy Bisson to accept the Minutes of the 6/12/06 meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Jennifer Miller. No additional discussion. Vote 3-0 in favor. Motion approved.

IV. Meeting dates for 2006/2007

Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of September and January, since the first Monday is a holiday.

Approved School Board Calendar:

August 7, 2006

September 11, 2006 * *Second Monday of the Month*

October 2, 2006

November 6, 2006

December 4, 2006

January 8, 2007* *Second Monday of the Month*

February 5, 2007

March 5, 2007

April 2, 2007

May 7, 2007

June 4, 2007

Discussion on the date of the Annual School District Meeting. Julie Glover will check with the Town Clerk for the date.

V. Roles and Responsibilities

Paul Bousquet explained to the Board that he was presenting the information to all of the Boards in SAU 20. He stated that he will be honest, do what is best for the children of Dummer, and will follow policies and procedures. He will expect the Board to do the same, and will let them know if they step into administrative areas.

Jennifer Miller expressed concerns with roles and responsibilities of the Dummer School Board, since they do not have a school. Several duties presented do not apply to the Dummer School Board. Discussion on the Boards options with hiring of teaching staff, setting policies that effect students, etc. Paul Bousquet mentioned District Educational Improvement Plan for schools and that he would like to reintroduce this to the district. Discussion on the need to have a joint meeting with the Milan School Board and the Berlin School Board at least once a year. Jennifer Miller stated that the Board has no control over policies and procedures at the Milan Village School (MVS). She requested copies of the policies and procedures that change from the SAU office.

Discussion on posting of minutes and agendas, and updating the website with the addition of Nancy Bisson and Jennifer Miller as Board members and including the Dummer School Board meeting dates for the year. Agendas will be posted on the SAU 20 website, the Post Office, the Milan Luncheonette, the Dummer Town Hall, and at MVS. Agenda and packet of supporting information will be distributed to the Board members one week before the meeting.

VI. School Board Goals for 2006-2007

Discussion on Goals for the year. Board agreed on the following:

1. AREA Agreement Study to be completed in time for Town Meeting in March
2. Self-Assessment for the Board

VII. Update on SAU Board Training

Paul Bousquet will poll the Chairs of the different Boards to determine topics and dates for the training. Jennifer Miller requested that training occur before the new school year starts. Discussion on possible topics. Paul Bousquet will contact Julie Glover within the week for topics.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

1. Budget Process for 2006 – 2007

Paul Bousquet explained that he is aware of taxes and constituents when determining the budget. He stated that Dummer is limited since it pays tuition to Milan and Berlin to educate their students. Jennifer Miller asked if Dummer should have a fund for unexpected expenditures, like new students moving into town. Paul Bousquet stated that Dummer voted on a tuition expendable trust at last year's meeting for \$15,000. and will check with the Business Administrator Pauline Plourde regarding the voting outcome. Discussion on unexpended funds of \$44,000. from this past school year that will be returned to the taxpayers. Discussion on possible items the Board could gift in the future with unexpended funds that would benefit the children of Dummer. Discussion on how the budget was formed and the role of the Dummer School Board in the budget process. Paul Bousquet explained that the budget process starts with the teachers, and then it comes from the SAU office to the School Board.

Discussion on how to register new students moving to Dummer. Policy, procedures and paperwork will be explained at the next meeting.

2. Transportation Additional Day Request

Paul Bousquet presented an invoice from Foreast Transportation for providing transportation of students to Berlin for 2 days when MVS was not in session.

Motion made by Nancy Bisson to pay \$268.32 for the extra transportation cost for the 2005-2006 school year. Jennifer Miller seconded the motion. No additional discussion. Vote 3-0 in favor. Motion approved.

IX. Committee Formation AREA Study Dummer/Berlin

Discussion on required members to the committee. Board agreed to have 2 Dummer School Board members, extend the offer for 2 Berlin School Board members, 2 Dummer Selectmen or their appointees, and at least 1 Dummer resident volunteer. Paul Bousquet will also be on the committee. Julie Glover and Nancy Bisson will represent the Dummer Board. The SAU office will place an ad in the paper requesting volunteers and will contact the Berlin School Board. The first meeting will be held after the regularly scheduled Dummer School Board meeting at 7:30 PM on August 7, 2006.

X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. Registration process for enrolling students in MVS and the Berlin Schools
2. AREA Meeting after next school board meeting
3. Update on School Board training
4. School Board Self-Assessment
5. Additional Items to Agenda: Correspondence, Principal's Report, and Financial Report

XI Other

Board requested the result of the proposed relocation of the grade 4 classroom at MVS at the next meeting.

XII. Non-public Session – None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Nancy Bisson at 7:44 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jennifer Miller. No discussion. Vote 3-0 in favor. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer
Recorder for the Dummer School Board