

Dummer School Board  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
Monday, April 2, 2007  
Dummer Town Hall

Present: Board Members Julie Glover and Jennifer Miller  
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Principal David Backler

I. Call to Order

Bousquet called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Reorganization of Board-Nomination of Officers

Bousquet asked for nominations for the chair position.

Motion made by Miller to nominate Glover for chair of the board. Discussion.

**Motion made by Glover to nominate Miller for the position of chair of the board. Motion seconded by Miller. No Discussion. Vote 2-0. Motion approved.**

Miller asked for nominations for vice chair position.

**Motion made by Glover to nominate Glover for position of vice chair. Motion seconded by Miller. Discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

**Motion made by Glover to nominate Bisson for position of secretary. Motion seconded by Miller. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

III. Approval of February 12, 2007, Budget Hearing/School Board Meeting Minutes  
Tabled until May meeting.

IV. Public Comments – none

V. Written Communication – none

VI. Milan/Berlin School Board Agendas and Minutes

Bousquet distributed for board members to review.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- AREA Agreement

Bousquet reported on the progress of the AREA Agreement. Bousquet stated that the plan is to have it approved by the DOE in June. Final draft will be brought to Board in May.

- Dummer Policy Book 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Miller amended the Policy Book to include the following language:

- Regular board meetings to occur at least every other month
- Board designates Special Education Director as the Human Rights Officer instead of the Superintendent as previously presented

**Motion made by Glover to adopt the Dummer School Board Policy Book as amended at tonight's meeting, after its second reading. Motion seconded by Miller. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

- Other

Bousquet reported on the Co-op Board meeting with the Berlin School Board on what is anticipated to happen in the area over the next 5 years. He stated that there may be opportunities to share services.

Bousquet discussed a presentation by the NH Commissioner that he will be attending later this week called, "Tough Choices for Tough Times".

Glover asked about the next step for the Co-op after their vote. Bousquet stated that they are regrouping.

Bousquet reported on Milan's settlement on roof repairs.

#### VIII. Business Administrator's Report

Bousquet referred to the report that was included in the Board's packet. He stated that there is a projected fund balance as of the end of March of \$56,797.72.

#### IX. Principal's Report

Backler referred to the report that was included in the Board's packet. He added that the ski program was a success. He discussed the programs with the AMC and the benefits for outdoor activities. He reported on a proposed 5<sup>th</sup> grade overnight to Pinkham Notch and water quality program that adapts well to the salmon program.

Glover asked about NECAP results and comparing it to testing for students from previous years. Backler explained how students take tests, explained the current tests the students are taking and how their progress is made throughout the school year. Glover asked about the Writing portion of the test. Backler stated that the test is broad, and as of yet, the state hasn't released the type of questions and prompts they used on the tests to see if they are questions the teachers would ask in class.

Glover asked about grammar and vocabulary tests. Backler stated that the phonics programs that they are using do not include grammar rules.

Miller stated that she has seen a lot of schools teaching to the test and is glad that Milan does not do that. She asked if there is a plan to improve the scores. Backler stated that he does not want the teachers to teach to the test, however, everything they teach is data driven. He discussed the long range goals of a well rounded school that creates critical thinkers.

Miller suggested improved communication is needed for parents to know what is going on. She discussed parent training in “Everyday Math” at a former school and that the communication was important.

#### X. Sped Directors’ Report

A written report was included in board packets.

Bousquet explained the IDEA Entitlement Funds.

**Motion made by Glover to accept the IDEA/Preschool Entitlement Funds for 2008. Motion seconded by Miller. No discussion. Vote: 2-0. Motion approved.**

#### XI. Non-Public Session

**Motion made by Glover to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:311c. Motion seconded by Miller. Glover – yes. Miller – yes. Motion approved.**

Board entered nonpublic session at 6:51 PM and came out of non-public at 7:25 PM on a motion by Glover and a second by Miller.

#### XII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Glover and second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hockmeyer