

# *Dummer School Board Meeting*

Monday December 10, 2007

Dummer Town Hall

6:00 pm

Present: Board Members: Nancy Bisson, Julie Glover and Jennifer Miller  
Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde

- I. Call to Order – 6:10 pm
- II. Approval of October 2, 2007 Minutes – Julie Glover made a motion to accept the joint Berlin/Dummer/Milan minutes as amended; seconded by Nancy Bisson; all in favor.  
Nancy Bisson made a motion to accept the Dummer public and non-public minutes of the Dummer School Board as amended; seconded by Julie Glover; all in favor.
- III. Public Comments – none present
- IV. Written Communication
  - School Board Self Assessment – Paul explained the assessment covers the period from January to December.
  - Individual Board Members Evaluation – Once the Superintendent evaluation is completed; it should be forwarded to the Board chair.
  - NESDEC Enrollment Figures – Data is derived from information received from central office and building permits issued by the Town.
  - NHSBA Right to Know Laws at your fingertips
  - Berlin School Board Minutes – Jennifer expressed her concern over the building committee's readjustment of grades and Dummer being kept abreast of developments. Julie questioned whether a move would jeopardize their AREA agreement with Berlin. Paul discussed that it would not as it is not specific in the AREA.
  - Milan School Board Minutes – Julie questioned the rationale of a full-day Kindergarten program. Paul explained that the students would receive an extra two hours of daily instruction. They will better prepare the students when they get to first and second grade. The goal is to improve test scores and in correlation with the fact that Kindergarten will soon be mandatory.

Paul also explained that Milan will be asking to bring the part-time nurse to full-time.

A question arose as to Milan's tuition responsibility to Berlin and the question on a fence and regulating heat in the classrooms. Paul reported that since the new roof, the daily usage went from 100 gallons to 54 gallons.

- V. Superintendent's Report
  - Date for Budget Hearing – The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Town on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the Board's regular meeting to follow. The District meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
  - Berlin AREA Agreement Update – In order to comply with the law, the question will be poised on the warrant once again. It will be important to have two selectmen on the committee to comply with the new language in the RSA's. Jennifer expressed her concern regarding coming to the public once again. A one page document will be prepared to explain the steps taken to date in order to make them aware of what was accomplished along with dates of the proposed future meetings.
  - August 2007 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Policy Updates REVISED: Julie Glover made a motion to accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the following policies: BBA, BBBA, BBBB, BCB, BEA, BEDB, BEDG-R, BEDH, BEDH-R, BGA, BHE, EBC, EBCA, EIB, GBCD, GCR, IHBA, IJOC, IMAH, KE, KEB; seconded by Nancy Bisson; all in favor.
  - Goals for 2007-2008- Nancy Bisson made a motion to accept the Dummer School Boards as distributed; seconded by Julie Glover; all in favor.
  - Dummer Call List – was distributed by email a week ago and discussed.

- VI. Other – None at this time.
- VII. Business Administrator’s Report
- Dummer Tuition Students to Milan – A list of current students attending Milan for the 2007-08 school year was reviewed and signed by the Board chair.
  - Monthly Financial Report – Pauline reported a projected fund balance in excess of \$40,000 mainly derived from regular and special education tuition.
  - Dummer Budget 2008-2009 – The proposed budget was reviewed. The operating budget has decreased slightly. A discussion on how much to cap the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund ensued. It was decided to place \$25,000 into the fund contingent on surplus available at year end. The warrants were reviewed as was the potential tax impact which is projected to increase by roughly \$.25.
- VIII. Principal’s Report – The SWISS data was not left blank unintentionally as was questioned by the Board. The program is having a positive effect on the school’s culture. The student support is going along nicely and is being utilized to enhance the education of all students.
- IX. Sped Directors’ Report – The data submitted was discussed. Paul explained how services might be provided for 504 students and how this compares to the special education students. It was explained that Home Schooled children were also monitored by the SAU office.
- IV. Non-Public Session –Julie Glover made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3II c at 7:15p.m.; second by Nancy Glover; each member polled individually- Nancy Bisson, yes; Julie Glover, yes; and Jennifer Miller, yes.  
Julie Glover made a motion to get out of non-public session at 7:37 pm; seconded by Nancy Bisson; all in favor. No motion or decision was made in non public. Student and personnel issues were discussed.
- V. Next Regular Meeting Monday, January7, 2008-6:00p.m. It was noted that the meetings will continue to be held at 6:00 p.m.
- VI. Other – Jennifer distributed the appendixes to the School Board Policies. She noted that appendix DFA-R will need to be filled in indicating the Bank holding the collateral funds.
- VII. Adjournment – Nancy Bisson made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm; seconded by Julie Glover; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Pauline Plourde