

# **Dummer School Board Meeting**

**Monday January 8, 2008**

**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 – 6:08 pm
- II. Approval of December 10, 2007 Minutes – Julie Glover made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Nancy Bisson; all in favor.
- III. Public Comments – none present
- IV. Written Communication
  - Berlin School Board Minutes – Jennifer commented that the minutes are very brief. Paul explained that the school board can always listen to the recorded tapes.
  - Milan School Board Minutes – the school board reviewed the minutes. There was discussion with the WAIT program which is a sex education class. The Milan school board had expressed concern with the program. Minor discussion took place.
  - Paul informed the board regarding a letter of resignation from Craig Doherty as school district moderator effective January 9, 2008. The town and school typically use the same moderator.
- V. Superintendent's Report
  - Berlin AREA Agreement Update – Paul handed out a bullet list of what work the committee has done this past year on the withdrawal study. In his report, he noted that the minutes reflected that the Selectmen were told they could substitute individuals to take their place. When Sarah Browning from the State Department of Education noted that the Selectmen had not been on the committee she stated that her board would not accept the report as the selectmen had not been part of the study as dictated by the RSA's. Jennifer requested that Paul reinforce in his report that the public is welcomed to attend the committee. Dummer has still not heard from the Berlin Board regarding the request to form a tuition agreement. It was stated that changes are imminent in Berlin.
  - November HNSBA 2007 Policy Updates – JFAB, JG, JICD, JICFA. Updates to the policies are received quarterly from the NHSBA. Paul explained that he crossed out policies that do not apply to a sending district.

Julie Glover made a motion to adopt the revised updated policies: JFAB, JG, JICD and JICFA; seconded by Nancy Bisson. All in favor.
  - Other – Jennifer questioned if there was an update from Berlin Building Committee. No formal report has yet been received.
- VI. Other – None at this time.
- VII. Business Administrator's Report
  - Monthly Financial Report – Pauline reported a projected change in the fund balance from the prior month was due to students moving out of the district. Currently Dummer is looking at a fund balance in excess of \$61,000. There was a question as to when a student may have moved out of the district. Pauline will investigate further.
  - Dummer Budget 2008-2009 including warrants – An updated warrant article was handed to the school board to include a warrant for a moderator for a two year term. The proposed budget was slightly modified to

reflect those students who have moved out of the district. A question was asked what the balance in the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund was. The balance is roughly \$91,000 with a plan to reach a cap of \$150,000.

- Student Transportation – A request for proposal for student transportation was sent to three firms with requests due on Friday, January 11. A discussion ensued on what factors are considered when receiving bids.

On a motion by Nancy Bisson and a second by Julie Glover, the board voted to allow the Superintendent to accept the proposal on behalf of the board based on what is in the best interest of the students.

- VIII. Principal's Report – Jennifer questioned the meaning of "gap" in the principal's report. Paul explained that it is addressing individual areas where a student might need extra help in order to fill a "gap" in a certain area to bring them up to speed with other students. Under curriculum, it was reported how science is doing and asked if the Math curriculum is being addressed. Jennifer commented if there is a book within the school system that is not meeting the needs of the students, then they should be replaced; it was seconded by Julie. Nancy commented on the SWISS data report and would like Dave to know that she is very impressed with the progress.
- IX. Sped Directors' Report – No question.
- IV. Non-Public Session – None needed
- V. Next Regular Meeting Monday, February 4, 2008-6:00p.m. This meeting will begin with the budget hearing followed by the regular school board meeting. The town budget hearing will follow the school's.
- VI. Other – None
- VII. Adjournment – Nancy Bisson made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm; seconded by Julie Glover; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Pauline Plourde