

Dummer School Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2008

Present: Board Members Julie Glover and Elizabeth Reudiger

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet and Business Administrator Pauline Plourde

Public: David Dubey

- I. Call to Order: Julie Glover called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Approval of October 6, 2008 Minutes: **Motion** - Elizabeth Reudiger made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor.

Questions and comments were discussed by the Board regarding the contents of the minutes – roof status at the Milan Village School, telecom system and grade level of home school children as stated in the minutes which will be re-verified.

- III. Public Comments: David discussed recent articles in the local papers stating that the information was somewhat deceiving. It was suggested that a press release issued by the Superintendent would help clarify some of the misconception. Points to be included in the press release – parents would be responsible for any additional tuition costs if they exercise their choice of sending their child to a school other than the Berlin School District; transportation to another district is the responsibility of the parents; and the tuition agreement guarantees that Berlin School District will accept all of Dummer's students with the exception of those parents choosing another district. Paul will craft the release.
- IV. Written Communication
 - Dummer/Berlin Withdrawal Minutes – no discussion
 - Berlin School Board Minutes– no discussion
 - Milan School Board Minutes– no discussion
 - Direct Deposit Signature needed-Board Chair only- Jennifer Miller will be asked to sign. Elizabeth signed the Dummer form as Secretary of the School Board.
 - Historical Enrollments – These were prepared by Maria who used to provide the information to NESDEC who would then provide the data at an additional cost.
 - Snow Call List – ALERT NOW is almost ready to roll with an anticipated date by Christmas.
 - State Board Minutes 10/24/08-Letter from Commissioner of Ed. Paul commented that the commissioner said the report was well put together and it has been approved.
 - Two Primex Books to Board Chair-Distributed at meeting
 - Hard copies of Superintendent Evaluation if needed – none needed as they are available on line.
 - NHSBA Certificate of Membership to Board Chair distributed at meeting
 - NHSBA Passwords Distributed at meeting – These are not public information.
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - Berlin AREA Agreement Update – The plan has been approved by the State School Board. Julie discussed the concern of a Selectman who felt that the article in the local paper didn't fully disclose information. It was discussed that all information will be clearly discussed in the School District report and at the Public Hearing. By having a tuition agreement with

Berlin, they are in essence agreeing to educate all of Dummer's children. However, if parents choose to send their children to another school district, they will be responsible for the difference in tuition rates as well as transportation.

- Tuition Agreement with Berlin Draft Copy – Paul briefly reviewed the Tuition agreement.
- School Board Policy-Choice for Students Grades 7-12: Paul handed out a draft policy for providing parents choice for the Board to consider and review. It will be reviewed at the January meeting.
- NHSBA Policies Update September 2008-
AC,ACE,BEA,BEB,BEDC,BHE,CA,~~EBBB,ECF,EEA,EEAA,EEAE,EEAAEEH,EHAA,E~~
~~IB,GDS,IF,IHAM,IHAMR,IHBBA,IHBG,HB,HC,IKF,IKFA,~~
~~ILD,IMAH,IMBA,IMBD,JCA,JEC,JFAA,JIA,JICDD,CLG.~~
Motion: Elizabeth Reudiger made a motion to accept the revised policies as a first reading; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor.
- NHDOE Initiatives Update – Elizabeth questioned early graduation initiative where students can graduate at age 16. These and other initiatives can be found in “Tough Choices for Tough Times” through the Department of Education. They may be able to continue with sports and extracurricular activities. The test has not been developed as of this date.
- Number of Policy Books Hard Copies: Paul informed the Board that policies will be placed on line. Three books will be available – one at SAU office, one for the School Board Chair and the other at the Town Hall.
- Other: None

VI. Business Administrator's Report

- First Draft Dummer Budget 2009-2010 – Pauline reviewed the budget and answered questions. A discussion ensued over the cost per pupil raised locally and what is factored in these costs. The warrant language has not yet been worked on.
- Monthly Financial Report – no discussion

VII. Principal's Report – No discussion

VIII. Sped Directors' Report – No discussion

IV. Non-Public Session – None necessary

V. Next Regular Meeting Monday, January 5, 2009-6:00p.m.

VI. Other - None

VII. Adjournment – **Motion:** Elizabeth Reudiger made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm; seconded by Julie Glover. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Pauline Plourde