

Errol School Board

Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2009

In attendance were: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, School Board members: Norman Eames, Gloria Coffin and Michelle Ouellet, Recording Secretary Clara Grover.

Also present was Selectman Larry Enman, Teachers Sharon Lane and Terri Cote.

1. Call to order was done by Chairman Norman Eames at 6:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. Vouchers were signed.
2. Public Comments: No comments were made by the public present.
3. The minutes of December 15, 2008 were approved when

Gloria Coffin made the motion to approve and Michelle Ouellet seconded.
All in favor.

4. Written Communications was a letter from Edward R. Murdough, Administrator of the Bureau of School Approval and Facility Management in Concord. This wasn't a formal school approval visit, but Mr. Murdough was at the Milan Village School and decided to come to the Errol School, since he was so close. The teachers are doing their best for the students. The facility is in good condition.
5. Principal's Report: Kathleen Urso wasn't present, but had written a report giving an overview of what has happened in the school so far this year. She mentioned Sharon Lane getting the Louise Tillotson Teaching Fellowship Award as an outstanding North Country Educator. The school received approval from the Department of Education for meeting state standards and a visit from a member of the DOE was very positive. The students are actively involved in their learning by working independently on tasks assigned. A Christmas Program was put on for the families and friends. Members of the Builders Club and Student Council sponsored a Halloween Party. The students support soldiers by sending care packages throughout the year.
6. Superintendent's Report: Paul Bousquet went over the information from Horizons Engineering about putting a monitoring well on school property to check to see if the land or water was contamination from petroleum products spilled at the Errol General Store over the years.

Gloria Coffin made a motion to allow Horizens Engineering to put a monitoring well on the school property, near the Soldier Memorial, providing there is no cost to the school and that the pipes in that area are not damaged. Michelle Ouellet seconded the motion but abstained from voting. Two were in favor.

The Errol Public Hearing to follow this meeting is the last budget hearing in the SAU District for this year, because the date had been changed from February 5, 2009.

There is still talk about closing the school, because of the expense of operation, but the Board members feel that it is in the best interest of the students to keep the school open.

7. Business Administrator: Pauline Plourde explained about the increases in Special Education expenses because a child in town needs the services mandated by law. A Special Education child is entitled to the services from age 3 to 21 years and the school has to provide them. Errol isn't a donor town for the State Education Tax.
8. Special Education Director's Report: Steve Gordon and Becky Hebert-Sweeny have been proactive about the needs of the Special Education students in the SAU #20 area. They and several qualified helpers have screened several children to find out what their needs are at a young age, so programs can be accessed for help to start the children on the way to a productive life.
9. Non-Public Session wasn't needed.
10. Next meeting will be on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. before the Town Meeting at 9:00 a.m.
11. Other: Debra Freedman wants to know if the Board will allow the old jail house to be put on the school property in back of the Kids Pond. The building would be open only on special occasions for foot traffic only.

Gloria Coffin made a motion to allow the jail house on school property in back of the Kids Pond and Michelle Ouellet seconded it.
All in favor.

12. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a motion made by Gloria Coffin and seconded by Michelle Ouellet. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Clara Grover
Recording Secretary