

Errol School Board

Minutes, Monday April 12, 2010

In attendance: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde, Principal Kathy Urso and Board Members Michelle Ouellet and Pete Eames.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Paul Bousquet and nominations were immediately taken for Board Chair. Michelle Ouellet nominated Pete Eames and Pete Eames seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous. Pete Eames then nominated Michelle Ouellet as Secretary, the motion was seconded by Michelle and that vote was also unanimous. Pete Eames then presided over the rest of the meeting.

There were no public comments.

Michelle made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Pete seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Written communications were a letter in regards to water quality and a question in regards to the qualifications for a scholarship, which would be discussed during the Superintendents Report.

Principal's Report: Kathy Urso informed the board of the designation of the Errol Consolidated School as a SINI (school in need of improvement) school in mathematics. A short discussion was held in regards to the SINI status and a plan for professional development for staff and realignment of state standards and curriculum was also outlined. One question asked by Pete was whether or not Special Education students were excluded from the data used and the response from Paul was that only very severely handicapped

students were allowed to use a portfolio, but that everyone else was counted in the results. Another question was raised in regards to accounting for student's absences and parental involvement and again the answer was that these were not taken into account.

The general consensus among the board and the administration was that meeting the AYP standards was proving to be difficult for many districts in the state and that it was important for the students in Errol to do their best and to continue to show growth and improvement.

Principal Urso also reported that although a representative of Simplex Grinnell had agreed to send a quote for repairing the backflow preventer, no quote had been received. Dates for Lego Camp and a change of date by the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the school grounds in September were also noted.

Superintendents Report: Paul reported that there were no qualifying applications for scholarships due to a lack of graduating seniors. The earlier question from written communications was then referred to: it was a request for consideration for continuing a scholarship for an additional year for a previous recipient. The decision was made to follow the regular policy, with no discussion and no continuance.

Paul had information regarding local tuition rates, which had been requested by the Board at a previous meeting. The Board discussed dates for the meetings for the next school year and decided to omit meetings in October, January and May; meetings for those months could be added if there was a need. A meetings calendar would be adopted at the SAU Board meeting. The Board also signed the ethics statement, which is done annually each spring.

The final version of the Administrator's contract, with conditions that had previously been discussed by the Board, was handed out to the

Board. Paul indicated that all of the Administrators in the SAU now had the same benefits that the teachers in the COOP had, which had not been the case in before. There is no additional outlay of cash, but changes in retirement, severance and health insurance were made. A change to the Professional Development stipend was noted; a change made SAU-wide in order to make funding more fair to all professional staff and reduce the requests for additional funds at the end of each year.

Michelle made a motion to approve the nominations for all staff "as printed", which was then seconded by Pete. All approved.

A copy of the Minimum Standards Approval (without exception) was given to the School Board.

A discussion was held to determine what to do about the Mission and Goals that is usually printed on the agenda. The decision was made to keep the statement regarding the development of the budget but to omit the issue of developing a mission statement, since that goal had been accomplished.

Business Administrators Report: A \$45.00 change in the amount of National Federal Forest Reserve Funds was noted. A discussion of whether or not to increase the prices for students' lunches was held and a motion was made by Michelle to continue the current prices. Pete seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A change for copier service proposal was made by Pauline; the main advantage would be that after three years with this new service, there would be no lease fee, only costs involved in maintenance and repair. The bid from the new company would begin in August of 2010. A motion to accept the bid was made by Michelle, seconded by Pete and passed with a unanimous vote.

Michelle made a motion to go into non- public session ((91A311C) at 7:43. Roll call was held, all approved. Non public session ended at 7:55PM and the regular meeting continued.

The Special Education Directors Report: no questions or comments.

Paul reminded members about the SAU Board meeting at Gorham Middle High School on May 26th, beginning with a potluck at 5:30 and the meeting immediately afterwards.

There will be no May meeting of the Errol School Board; the next meeting is scheduled for June 14th at the Errol Consolidated school. If necessary, a May meeting can be called.

A motion was made by Michelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM, seconded by Pete. All attending voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Urso