

***Errol Consolidated School***  
***School Board Minutes, January 24, 2011***

School Board Members: Norman Eames, Gloria Coffin, Larry Enman

Administration: Superintendent Paul Bousquet, Business Administrator Pauline Plourde and Principal Kathleen Urso

Public: Bruce Bean and Carol Hall (Magalloway) and Sharon Lane and Teri Cote (Errol)

**Call to order:** Norman Eames called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

**Public Comments:** Bruce Bean spoke to those present about the impact that raising tuition on Magalloway students would have on the citizens of Magalloway. He had put together some informational sheets that showed the financial impact and shared them with those present. He also had questions about how the figures for tuition/per pupil costs are determined and wanted to know the timeline for making a decision on whether or not the Magalloway students would be sent to Errol next year. Bruce Bean had stressed from the beginning that he was here as a private citizen, not in any official capacity.

Paul explained the history of the tuition student figure and also shared e-mails from the Rangeley Superintendent in regards the situation. He also explained how Errol was named a donor town and how both the money for the state and the extra money for the Magalloway students put a huge strain on our budget and the citizens of Errol. Bruce Bean thanked him for the information and then stated that the final decision would be made by the people in the Town of Magalloway, not the Rangeley area school board. He also stated that in his opinion, most citizens in Magalloway would prefer to have their students attend school in Errol, but that it would most likely come down to finances. He did say that transportation and the fact that Rangeley does have full day Kindergarten could also impact the decision. He also then outlined the steps that would be taken to make the decision and asked for a date for the final decision to be made.

Paul suggested that it would be to everyone's benefit to have the decision made by our Annual School Meeting in March, but unfortunately, Magalloway's meeting is on the same day and the decision may not be made until then. Larry asked if it was possible to adjourn the meeting for Errol in March if Magalloway cannot make a decision in time, and then reconvene --- but that is not a possibility. It was agreed to try to have the decision made as quickly as possible.

Pauline then explained how the State of New Hampshire determines the per pupil cost. Bruce thanked her for clearing up his questions. Bruce Bean and Carol Hall thanked everyone and left the meeting at 7:38 PM.

**Gloria made a motion to accept the minutes from December's meeting. Larry seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

**Sped director's report (written) and Principal's Report:** Kathy highlighted items in her report, including special activities in technology and reading challenges and essay contests.

**Superintendent's Report:** Included a request to suspend for more than 10 days (motion to approve by Gloria, seconded by Larry, all in favor), information regarding the Errol senior who is eligible for scholarships this year and the school calendar for 2011/2012. Paul explained that school calendars do not have to be run by the Department of Education and that many school districts are using the required 900 hours in different ways, not just the as the usual 180 days. This could b something the school board may want to look at at some time in the future. **A motion to accept the calendar was made by Gloria, seconded by Larry and approved by all members.**

**Business Administrator's Report:** Pauline included notification of aid of \$4000.00 from Educational Jobs, which will be put towards salaries, a tax impact statement, budget worksheet expenditures and a tuitioning Errol students out of town scenario in her report. Pauline also discussed fuel oil bids and she and Paul suggested that the board allow Paul to act in the best interest of the Errol School District in order to get the lowest possible price for oil. **A motion was made by Larry to allow Paul to act in the best interest of the Errol School District, seconded by Gloria and favored by all.** In addition to speaking with the three companies that put in bids, it was suggested that Paul speak with Chipper Bean, an Errol resident who now owns an oil company.

Sharon Lane and Teri Cote then made a plea to the school board to consider not breaking up the teaching team, even if the Magalloway students did not attend school in Errol next year. Sharon requested that the board reconsider cutting any full time positions.

**Non public session: A motion was made by Gloria to go into non public session (RSA 91-A:311), seconded by Larry and was passed unanimously.** The board went into a non public session at 8:07 PM and came out of non public at 8:50 PM. Again, **Gloria made the motion to end the non public session, Larry seconded the motion and all voted in favor.** Personnel and budget issues were discussed during the non public session.

**Gloria made a motion to bring an amended budget to the Budget Hearing on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Larry and approved by all.**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gloria, seconded by Larry and was approved by all members of the Board.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Urso