

## **Tamworth School Board**

### **1. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Tamworth School Board was held at the Kenneth A. Brett School on Wednesday July 8, 2009 at 5:37PM. The meeting was called to order by board chair Laura Pike. Present were board members Laura Pike, John Cleveland, and Dan Rowe, Superintendent Jay McIntire, Principal Noel DeSousa (arrived at 6:30), and Secretary Kathi Brown.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Add. 4.5 Parent request to be in non-public.

Change 12a and 12b to read Nomination instead of Appointment.

Add 12C Appointment of Title 1 Aide.

John Cleveland made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dan Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **3. Approval of Minutes (June 10, 2009)**

John Cleveland made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **4. Introduction and Welcome, new Superintendent**

Laura Pike introduced and welcomed Jay McIntire as the new superintendent. His objectives are to provide the best education we can and to provide sustainability for the community. To provide what is best for the students.

### **4.5. Parental request**

Laura Pike made a motion to go into non public at 5:45PM. Dan Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Back in public session at 6:10PM.

### **5. SAU 9/13 Reorganization Study Committee**

John Cleveland said there is another meeting later this month. The savings to Tamworth would need to be significant for the hassle that would be involved. He will speak with other towns in the SAU9 district for satisfaction input and quality of services. The logistics need to be gone over along with historical information on what happened in the past. Jay Boynton sent a letter to the SAU13 with the RSA requirements. The letter will

be in next month's packet. Dan Rowe spoke on the meeting with Carl Nelson, who stated that it does not make sense to break off as a single town. Carl Nelson would like to see Freedom and Madison come on board before we go back to him. Laura Pike would like to have some information to put in the next civic news and John Cleveland will give her a summary after the next meeting. Legal and financial obligations need to be looked at if joined with SAU9. Jay McIntire noted that there are many other ways to achieve cost savings and that other options need to be considered.

## **6. Task Force Proposal**

A proposal was in the packet. Dan Rowe stated the objective is to reduce the cost per student and he wants a clearly defined objective. Jay McIntire noted the top priorities of AYP, reducing cost, and maintaining costs. John Cleveland, Jay McIntire, Noel DeSousa, and Duane Dale will sit down together and come back with a recommendation to proceed or not. Noel DeSousa would like to see community members involved as they have to make recommendations also, not just the staff. Laura Pike can not justify paying for a consultant when staff is being cut, it needs to be justified. John Cleveland says it is a return on a long term investment. Noel DeSousa would be comfortable acting as the facilitator, but it would involve a lot of work and he wants to talk with Jay McIntire about it first. John Cleveland makes a motion for Noel DeSousa and Jay McIntire to come back in August with a proposal on how to solicit membership and cost recommendations (up to \$10,000.00) along with the process. Dan Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **7. Budget Process**

Dan Rowe explained the prior practice that has been used. Jay McIntire spoke about zero based budgeting, where you start from scratch with no assumptions. Dan Rowe spoke about the timing of the process and about goals being achieved. John Cleveland would like to see different ways to map academic success and to measure costs. Jay McIntire would like to teach the board something new at each monthly meeting. In August he would do a presentation on various ways to show student improvement, in September the same presentation, but on cost and in October how do we track data on students, parents, the community (customer satisfaction).

## **8. Data Scorecard Brainstorming**

First we will see the presentation by Jay McIntire, that shows things we want to measure such as costs, achievement, etc., then there should be a community meeting.

## **9. Visitor's Comments**

Dave Farley feels there should be an announcement of Jay McIntires hiring, get the communication out. Laura Pike will work on a press release with Jay.

Dave Farley would also like to remind the board not to forget about the students at Kennett. There should be a constant stream of information on all the kids.

## **10. Non-Public Session**

RSA 91-A: 3 II a, b, c, d, e

John Cleveland made a motion to go into non-public at 7:56PM. Dan Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **11. Action as a Result of Non-Public**

On item 4.5, parental request. More information is needed and the superintendent will find the answers and report back to the board.

On item 10, non-public session. John Marlowe is transferred to the reading specialist position. Karen Santuccio is appointed as a full time Title I aide position, which is funded with economic stimulus funds, and Kara Ouellette was nominated as a Title I teacher. John Cleveland moved the appointment, seconded by Dan Rowe. Motion passed.

John Cleveland made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Dan Rowe. Motion passed.

## **12. Personnel**

**a. Nomination of Reading Specialist**

**b. Nomination of Title I Teacher**

**c. Appointment of Title I Aide**

## **13. Adjournment**

John Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan Rowe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Brown, Secretary  
*Draft Pending Board Approval*