

February 13, 2008

TAMWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Tamworth School Board was held at the Kenneth A. Brett School on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 5:32PM. The meeting was called to order by Brenda Robinson. Present were Sue Creswell, Laura Pike, Dana Littlefield, Gwen Poirier, Pat Kehoe, Noel DeSousa and Donna Ulitz.

2. Approval of Agenda

Added to agenda:

8d. Health Insurance Reduction

9d. Mailer

14a. NHSBA

14b. All Health Hazards Region 8 Request

Dana Littlefield made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes (January 16, 2008)

Dana Littlefield made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2008 as presented. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Director of Special Services Update

a. Determination from the NHDOE

Pat Kehoe reviewed the enrollment report. She shared the 1st Annual Special Education Report Card and explained the process by indicator.

5. Education Views Special Education Team

Tabled.

6. Visitor's Comments

Four visitors were present. Pat Farley requested that all meetings be posted on the Tamworth Exchange and the Tamworth town website. She also requested that the School Board minutes be posted on the Tamworth town website. Peg DeLong asked questions regarding the portion of salaries paid by Tamworth for the SAU#13 shared positions of Transportation Coordinator and Food Service Director. She also asked if the Ready Readers Program could be provided in Tamworth by the Reading Specialists. Lori Palmer asked Pat Kehoe if the reduction of special education paraprofessionals will also affect the regular education classroom. Ms. Kehoe stated there is potential that those students may be affected by the reduction.

7. Committee Reports

a. Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting was postponed.

b. NHSBA Delegate Assembly

Sue Creswell reported that the NHSBA Delegate Assembly was held on January 19, 2008. The agenda included discussion regarding the NH Retirement System, Regional Dinners, Review and Preview of Legislation and Elections.

8. Old Business

a. School Website Update

Lori Palmer hopes to be able to link the PTA information to the Brett School website. Dr. Poirier will contact Charlie McNevech.

b. 21st Century Grant

Tabled.

c. School Community Index

Tabled.

d. Health Insurance Reduction

Dr. Poirier reported that if the Collective Bargaining Agreement is approved the total health insurance reduction will be \$7,354 for 2008-09.

9. New Business

a. March Board Meeting Date

Dana Littlefield made a motion to change the March School Board Meeting date to Monday, March 17, 2008. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. N.H. Retirement System Request

Dr. Poirier distributed correspondence regarding the Potential Mandate Litigation. She has invited Todd Comstock to attend the next SAU#13 Board Meeting to explain this further.

c. Proposed 2008-09 School Year Calendar

Dana Littlefield made a motion to approve the 08-09 School Year Calendar as presented. Laura Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

d. Mailer

The Board was given a printed summary of the proposed budget and warrant articles to be approved and mailed to Tamworth residents through bulk mail. The total cost would be \$550 which would be available from the savings of not printing as many Annual Reports. Laura Pike discussed the possibility of having the reports available on-line for people to access and print as necessary.

Dana Littlefield made a motion to approve the bulk mailing of the budget summary and to bring 150 less Annual District Reports. Sue Creswell seconded the motion . Motion passed.

10. Superintendent's Report

a. Expenditure Report

The expenditure report to date was given to the board for review and discussion.

b. NECAP Report

Dr. Poirier stated that the administrators will be attending a Performance Pathways workshop in March and that the NECAP results will be presented in a new report format after the March workshop. Science Assessment for grades 4 & 8 will be administered in May.

c. Other

Dr. Poirier updated the board on Constitutional Amendments and Legislative information.

Board members received a Superintendent Evaluation to be completed and returned to the SAU Personnel Committee.

11. Principal's Report

a. Monthly Update

Board members received a report of recent and upcoming events, as well as an enrollment update.

12. Visitor's Comments

Pat Farley requested that the Chocorua Public Library be added to locations available to pick up the Annual District Report. She asked the percentage of Professional Staff who work at Brett that live in Tamworth. It was estimated 7-8 professional staff live in Tamworth.

Peg DeLong stated again that she is concerned we are becoming more like a cooperative as we share staff such as the Transportation Coordinator and Food Service Director.

Lori Palmer asked Dr. Poirier if Harvard Pilgrim Insurance had been reconsidered. Dr. Poirier stated that their rates have increased above the current Cigna plan.

13. Board Comments

None.

14. Communications

Board members received communication regarding Retirement Legislation and the NHSBA Scholarship Program as informational items.

A request was received from the All Health Hazards Region 8 of Southern Carroll Country for permission to use the facility as an emergency shelter. Dr. Poirier will get more information to report to the board regarding this request.

15. Non Public Session

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

At 6:55PM, Dana Littlefield made a motion to go into Non-Public Session. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. At 7:15PM, Laura Pike made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. Dana Littlefield seconded this motion. Motion passed.

16. Action as a Result of Non Public Session

None.

17. Personnel

None.

18. Adjournment

At 7:18PM, Dana Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Pike seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Ullitz, Recording Secretary
Draft pending Board Approval.