

TSB Minutes
@ Townshend Elementary School
7:00 p.m.
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Present: Deborah Leggott, Kris Jerz, Kathy Hege, David Dezendorf, Craig Hunt, Jessie Bishop, Judy Hawkins, Heidi Russ, Jeff Russ, Jamie & Dale Clark, Scott Chase, April Chase, Alison Dougan, Skip Derry, Michele Sanderson, Deidre Beattie, Kimberly Liebow, Beth Beattie, Becky Peleso, Tammy Claussen, Tammy Greenwood, Megan Richardson, Kristen Derry, Jennifer Dion, Kristie Faulkner, Al Claussen, Paula Newton, Beth Cutts, Joe Newton, Nancy Winrich, Kathy DuGrenier, Carley Sanderson, Maija Schmidt, Sean Yancy, Tony Dezendorf, Gregg Morrow and Kristina Jerz, Members of the Public

Kristina Wright and Wendy Houlihan, absent

Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

David made a motion to set aside the rules to move into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. Craig seconded the motion.

David made a motion to leave Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried. No action taken.

David made a motion to set aside the rules and move to Old Business: Junior Instructional Ski Program. Motion carried. There were 3 reasons for having a conversation concerning JISP.

- 1) Board members to take a look at parental liability and parental involvement.
- 2) New legislation sex offender law. People who are volunteers and are involved with students can't be with them unsupervised. They must go thru a criminal background check before doing this.
- 3) The school board found itself in a position it had to pick up some costs this year.

Various scenarios were discussed from members of the public. Some parents felt JISP is a very valuable program as it gives students an opportunity to try new things. It is a way for life long physical activity and it is a part of their educational experience. Carley Sanderson mentioned that the school club raises money that is specifically designated to the JISP program.

Kathy said we are currently waiting for the Commissioner of Education to make a determination concerning the sexual offender law. Unfortunately this will not happen until January 15, 2010.

Kathy said if JISP stays in the format it is currently, all teachers will be assigned to one group or the other whether they want to or not.

Carley Sanderson, President of School Club, requested that when the policy is established please do come to the School Club with the finances as far as fingerprinting, if there are fees involved.

Kris Jerz reported: The teachers all believe that the JISP program is a valuable program to all students. They all feel the student comes first. The teachers all would like to continue with the JISP program and also do a 50/50 with professional development.

Kathy asked the board what they would like to do next. David would like to get a determination from the DOE. The school club will set their budget the first Tuesday in October. The policy will be at a place where it could be adopted and answers to some questions that have arisen by June 28th.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009: No discussion. Motion carried.

Additions and Deletions: Kathy asked to add under New Business: Teachers Contracts.

Members of the Public: See under old business JISP

Bills and Purchase Orders: David made a motion to pay the bills and purchase orders as follows: Payroll PO# 76 \$15,107.91, Payroll PO #77 \$5,003.43, Vendor Warrant PO #78 \$8,376.90. No discussion. Motion carried to pay bills and purchase orders as read.

Principal's Report: Deborah gave a comprehensive report. Student Learning: Kindergarten registration April 28th. Nine students were registered. Eleven have been identified and are being contacted for registration. Camp Keewaydin: Last week, our fifth grade students spent a cool, rainy week immersed in science inquiry at Camp Keewaydin on Lake Dunmore. Testing (MAP K-6) & NECAP Science Test (Grade 4). MAP testing: Preliminary results on several grades show favorable growth. Deborah will present results to the board in June. NECAP Science results will be available in August. Building Maintenance: Fuel tank replacement and existing fuel tank assessment: Both of the boilers are over their life expectancy. The clock is not accurate and will need to be addressed. Our current Source Protection Plan sites the original tanks were installed in 1989. These tanks do not have a leak detection system. The recommendation for replacement is between 2009-2014 (when the tanks are between 20-25 years old). Irving won't look at the tanks until we uncover them. A temporary fuel line was installed in January 2009 because fuel was somehow blocked getting to the boiler. The sod needs to be removed by hand to reveal the tanks and line. A

lengthy discussion ensued. Kathy suggested we install two new tanks in the basement and put out to bid for new boilers. Deborah was asked to speak with Tim Jeffers and bring the information she obtained to the next board meeting. After the board has reviewed the information an ad will be placed in the newspaper with an invitation to bid. Craig asked Deborah to contact the governor's office to see about stimulus money, if there is any to help the school with the heating. Deborah will do this.

Superintendent's Report: None

New Business: Fuel oil contract: The Irving Oil Company was awarded the fuel bid because of their lower fuel rate. We didn't have to prepay, however, we are unable to stop the delivery of fuel until the contract is ended (May 31, 2009).
Emergency preparedness: David reported to the board that he is working on the town's emergency preparedness plan. H1N1: continue to use hygiene process and it is expected to mutate in the spring and reoccur in the fall. A lot of planning thru technology has been happening. As more information comes in David will disseminate it. Guidance from CDC is if someone has H1N1 flu, instead of closing the schools you need to isolate that person.

Request to encumber PD funds: Kathy received a request from Julie Dolan to encumber her Professional Development money from this year for a summer course she would like to take. She is asking to encumber \$417 for the cost of the course. The board okayed Julie Dolan's request.

Teacher Contracts: Kathy had the teacher contracts for the board to sign. Craig made a motion to sign the teacher contracts for the school year 2009-2010. Motion carried.

Committee Updates:

- a. Executive/Super Board: There was a quorum for the executive committee but no quorum for the super board. No WCSU contracts were signed. Strategies were worked on.
- b. Policy: None
- c. Technology: None, waiting to have WCSU technology plan approved.
- d. Action Plan: The action plan for Townshend Elementary School was finished today. Deborah will type up and bring to the next board meeting.

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Meetings:

WCSU Annual Meeting-May 27, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. in Windham
WCSU Governance Committee-May 20, 2009 @ 6:30-8:30 p.m in Newfane
David can't attend; Craig will attend in his place.

Executive Session if needed: None

Adjourn: Craig made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hawkins
Recorder

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