

Ashford Board of Education
November 1, 2007

Call To Order

L. Olson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashford School Library.

Present

L. Olson, M. Stearns, T. Lucier, J. Sterling-Folker, D. Ecsedy, D. King A. Breault, Superintendent,
N. Johndrow, Principal, M. Giardi, Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services, and K. Conderino, Recording Secretary

Persons To Be Heard

M. Bibeault thanked the Board for their service.

L. Olson also thanked the members of the board whose terms were ending for their dedication.

Communications

A pamphlet on ACT, Performing Arts Magnet High School, was presented.

L. Olson reminded board members of the upcoming CABE Conference.

L. Olson also asked about the REAP Grant

Budget Report 07 - 08

A budget report dated 10/26/07 was presented. This report does not include any encumbrances and shows the balance remaining and percent left in each account.

Lunch Program

- Issues related to operation.
Beth Gankofskie and Janice Mills, Hot Lunch Program Coordinators, spoke about the lunch program and reported on the average daily sales and costs associated with running the program. Ms. Gankofskie reported that at this time the costs of running the program as it is now exceeds the revenue coming in. After a lengthy discussion;
Motion by L. Olson to infuse \$10,000 from the education budget into the lunch program and have funds available to cover a long-term illness if needed. Seconded by M. Stearns. Passed unanimously. Ms. Gankofskie suggested applying for a Hidden Valley a grant to assist the program. Ms. Olson asked that she give the application to Mr. Breault to complete.

Negotiations – Vote on MEUI Contract

Motion by M. Stearns to table the vote as new information was just received. Seconded by D. King. Passed unanimously. The Board will schedule a special meeting on Monday, November 5th at 4:30 if all board members are available.

Committee Reports

- Long Range Planning Committee
The Long Term Planning Committee met on October 29th and discussed the possible reinstatement of Tech. Ed., what to do with the tech ed. space if it wasn't reinstated, all day kindergarten, preschool staffing, budget implications, use of special education rooms and moving the superintendent's office to the town hall. The committee will meet after the new board is instated.
- Water
Mr. Breault reported that the drilling of the new well will begin November 9th. He also discussed the testing of the water in the building saying that the water had been chlorinated and the water is being flushed through the system. The tank will be cleaned November 9th.
- Other

Motion by D. Ecsedy to move into executive session at 7:45 p.m. and invite Mr. Breault. Seconded by M. Stearns. Passed unanimously.

Possible Executive Session

- Pending Claims and Litigation

The Board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by M. Stearns to correct the typing errors in the teacher's contract. Seconded by T. Lucier. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion by D. Ecsedy to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by J. Sterling-Folker. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Conderino
Recording Secretary