

**Ashford Board of Education
December 6, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

Call To Order

L. Olson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Ashford School Library.

Board Present

L. Olson, T. Lucier, J. Sterling-Folker, K. Warren, D. Wesson, D. Polsky, A. Breault, Superintendent, N. Johndrow, Principal, M. Giardi, Assistant Principal/Director of Special Service, K. Conderino, Recording Secretary

Persons to Be Heard

A number of staff members and residents spoke in support of all day kindergarten and shared their ideas of the benefits such as preparation for 1st grade, early intervention and extra time for learning and socialization.

Communications

Mr. Breault distributed both the brochure from the Superintendent's Awards ceremony and the 7th grade newspaper "Wolf Talk."

A letter that was sent to AEA from Board Chair L. Olson regarding the unfair labor complaint and AEA's response letter.

All Day Kindergarten Presentation

Michelle Bibeault and Sara Dinger distributed a packet and spoke about the benefits and answered questions regarding all day kindergarten versus half day.

Questions were asked about staffing and room assignments. A Long Range Planning Committee meeting will be set up to look at room assignments and course options.

Discussion of Unfair Labor Complaint

L. Olson shared information and invited the Ashford Education Association to speak regarding the unfair labor complaint that was brought against the board of education regarding coaching hours. C. Busse and M. Young shared AEA's position along with CEA Representative, Sue Fullerton.

Request for Unpaid Family Medical Leave

Susan Kozey, paraprofessional, is requesting an unpaid family medical leave beginning December 3rd. She is eligible for twelve weeks leave under the Family Medical Leave Act.

Budget Update 2007 – 2008

Budget information was mailed in the board packet showing expenditures and balance remaining as of 11/14/07. Mr. Breault reviewed and answered questions.

Motion by D. Polsky to move into executive session at 8:17 p.m. and invite Mr. Breault. Seconded by K. Warren. Passed unanimously.

Board members attending executive session: L. Olson, T. Lucier, J. Sterling-Folker, K. Warren, D. Wesson, D. Polsky.

Possible Executive Session

- Pending Claims and Litigation

The Board came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by D. Polsky to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Seconded by D. Wesson. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Conderino

Recording Secretary