

Ashford Board of Education
February 28, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Call To Order

L. Olson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Ashford School Library.

Board Present

L. Olson, T. Lucier, J. Sterling-Folker, D. Wesson, K. Warren (7:12 p.m.) and D. Polsky (8:55 p.m.), A. Breault, Superintendent, N. Johndrow, Principal, M. Giardi, Assistant Principal/Director of Special Service, J. Barsaleau, Recording Secretary

Persons to Be Heard

Health Education teacher Marti Hardisty introduced student Patrick B. The student demonstrated to the Board an interactive computer game he has developed as his community service project. The game is called "Jeopardy" and like the television game show, questions are categorized by subject, in this case health, and by point award increments of 100.

Communications

An invoice for the Bicknell Scholarship from the Probate Court was received.

CIRMA workshops

Ms. Olson reported that EASTCONN is seeking members for its Board of Directors.

Approval of Minutes

- January 17, 2008
Motion by T. Lucier to approve the minutes of January 17, 2008. Seconded by J. Sterling-Folker and carried with one abstention, K. Warren.
- February 14, 2008
Motion by K. Warren to amend the minutes of February 14, 2008 at the top of page 3, to read as follows: "Kindergarten options were discussed including lottery placement, cost, classroom space, parental concerns of half day versus full day." Seconded by D. Wesson and carried with one abstention, T. Lucier.

Special Education Presentation

This has been scheduled for March 20, 2008

Committee Reports

- **Water**
Mr. Breault reported that a Water Committee meeting will be held on March 10, 2008 and updated the Board on the progress of a bid notice and timeline.
- **Long Range Planning**
No report
- **Other**
T. Lucier reviewed items in the Capital Improvement plan.
A Building and Grounds Committee meeting will be called.

Hot Lunch Report

Monthly and year to date reports were discussed. The Board discussed having a Hot Lunch committee meeting. The Director of the Hot Lunch program may be asked to attend a future board meeting to give the Board a report on the program to date.

Administrative Reports

- **Principal's Report**
Mrs. Johndrow shared information regarding meetings and activities at the Ashford School. She

also informed the Board of some recent ceremonies with Ashford students receiving awards. Mrs. Johndrow also updated the Board on Mrs. Saegaert, and there will be a need to hire a temporary secretary while Mrs. Saegaert is out.

- **Vice Principal/Sp. Ed. Director's Report**

Mrs. Giardi provided the Board with a letter and handout to be included in their 2008-2009 budget binders. She also shared information regarding CMT participation for special education students and a workshop she will be presenting with the School Psychologist in March.

Superintendent's Information

- 2007-2008 Budget
Mr. Breault and the Board reviewed the 2007-2008 year to date budget.
- 2008-2009 Budget
Mr. Breault reviewed the items that were revised following the 2/28 meeting and incorporated into Draft budget #3.
- Building Update
The gym floor is still being monitored.
- Windham Tech Acceptance List
It is anticipated there will be no change in the number of students accepted.

Policy 5125 – Confidentiality: Student Records – Second Reading

Motion by K. Warren to approve Policy 5125 as written. Seconded by D. Wesson. Passed unanimously.

Motion by T. Lucier to add an Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter. Seconded by D. Wesson and passed unanimously.

Motion to enter into executive session (8:31 p.m.) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and to invite Mr. Breault to attend was made by J. Sterling-Folker. Motion seconded by D. Wesson and carried unanimously.

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

D. Polsky arrived at 8:55 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:56 p.m.

Possible Executive Session

- Pending Claims and Litigation

None

Adjournment

Motion by K. Warren to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Seconded by J. Sterling-Folker and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Barsaleau
Recording Secretary