

**Ashford Board of Education**  
**April 5, 2007**

**Call To Order**

L. Olson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Ashford School library.

**Board Present**

L. Olson, D. Ecsedy, D. King, T. Lucier, A. Breault, Superintendent, N. Johndrow, Principal, M. Giardi, Vice Principal/Sp. Ed. Director, K. Conderino, Recording Secretary

**Persons To Be Heard**

None

**Communications**

- A letter of resignation from Board Member, David Garvey.  
Motion by D. King to accept David Garvey's resignation with thanks for service. Seconded by D. Ecsedy. Passed unanimously.  
Motion by D. Ecsedy to add Appointment of New Member as next agenda item. Seconded by T. Lucier. Passed unanimously.

**Appointment of new Board Member**

L. Olson spoke about the support from all Board of Education members and both political parties for the nomination of Jennifer Sterling Folker as a member of the Board of Education.

L. Olson, a Connecticut Justice of the Peace, asked, "Do you solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge your duties as a member of the Ashford Board of Education to the best of your ability, until the Municipal Election of 2008, so help you God?" Jennifer Sterling Folker replied, "I do." Ms. Sterling Folker is now duly sworn in.

Because two members of the Board of Education could not attend, no members were able to leave to attend the Board of Finance meeting which was scheduled at the same time.

**Communications continued**

- A resignation letter from Amy Aleksiewicz, a teacher on a one-year leave of absence.  
Motion by D. Ecsedy to accept the resignation of Amy Aleksiewicz with regret and well wishes. Seconded by T. Lucier. Passed unanimously.
- A registration form for the CAPSS Annual Meeting and Spring Conference.
- The agenda for the Board of Finance meeting for 3/29/07.
- A letter from Christopher Busse, second grade teacher, requesting that the board allow him to donate his sick days to Deb Tatro, Cafeteria Manager. This will be put on the next regular meeting agenda.
- E. O. Smith will hold a Regional Transportation Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Sterling Folker will be a member of the Transportation Committee.

**Kindergarten – Michelle Bibeault, Ginger Lusa**

The two members who had specific questions regarding kindergarten were not in attendance. This item will be moved to a future agenda.

Michelle Bibeault spoke about the results from DIBELS testing showing progress in reading in the primary grades.

**Co-teaching – Eva Beermann & Ashley Capazzoli**

Eva Beermann and Ashley Capazzoli discussed the experiences of co-teaching saying the benefits to all students having two teachers in a classroom while fulfilling the requirements of inclusion is very successful.

**Cafeteria**

Because of financial difficulties due to substitute coverage in the cafeteria, the Board of Education will have to subsidize the program. The Board asked that M. Devlin keep a running tally of expenditures.

**IDEA Section 611 & 619**

- Approval for Application  
Motion by D. King to approve the application of the IDEA Grant Sections 611 & 619. Seconded by J. Sterling Folker. Passed unanimously.

**Policy 6172.3 Home Instruction (Approval)**

A question was raised regarding State required vaccinations for home-schooled students who participate in specials at Ashford School. Mr. Breault will investigate the state statute and report to the Board.

**Maintenance Update**

- Electric  
The lighting has been changed in the school. Also, Mr. Fletcher signed a contract after Mr. Breault and he spoke about purchasing electricity in a block for one price for five years to save money.
- Tree Removal  
Mr. Breault has received estimates of approximately \$3000 to remove some trees from the property
- Desks  
Ashford School was offered twenty-four desks at a discount price, which Mr. Breault purchased.
- Handbook – Items for Sports  
Tabled until the next regular meeting.
- Other  
Mr. Breault said there was some computer maintenance and technology equipment needs.

Motion by J. Sterling Folker to expend \$3,000 in computer maintenance and approximately \$3,050 for tree removal. Seconded by D. Ecsedy. Passed unanimously.

**Accounting Changes – Chart of Accounts**

M. Devlin prepared a sample of what the Board of Education budget would look like using the State Chart of Accounts. The Board felt that the new chart of accounts could provide as much detail as needed in sub-account lines.

Motion by D. Ecsedy to change the chart of accounts. Seconded by D. King. Passed unanimously.

**2006 – 2007 Budget**

The projected budget for 2006 – 07 shows a surplus of \$49,780. Mr. Fletcher spoke to Mr. Breault saying there was money available from the Excess Cost Grant for the overages in special education totaling \$46,678 at this time. The Board will look at the budget at the first meeting in May.

**2007 – 2008 Budget**

- Timeline – Special Meeting on April 9, 2007.  
The Board of Finance is meeting tonight to determine recommendations for reduction. A special meeting of the Board of Education will be held Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to consider reductions.

**Possible Executive Session**

- Pending Claims Litigation  
Motion by D. Ecsedy to move into executive session and invite Mr. Breault at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by J. Sterling Folker. Passed unanimously.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:55 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by D. Ecsedy to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by J. Sterling Folker. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Conderino  
Recording Secretary