

**Ashford Board of Education**  
**September 6, 2007**

New staff members, Administrators, PTO members, Board of Education members, and parents introduced themselves and told a little bit about themselves at a reception at 6:00 p.m. New faculty and staff present included Nicole Bushley, Rick Rossi, Michelle Klock, and Brendan Tormey.

**Call To Order**

L. Olson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Ashford School Library.

**Board Present**

L. Olson, T. Lucier, M. Stearns, D. King, D. Ecsedy, P. Borysevicz (7:10), A. Breault, Superintendent, N. Johndrow, Principal, M. Giardi, Asst. Principal/Director of Sp. Ed., K Conderino, Recording Secretary

**Persons To Be Heard**

L. Olson thanked PTO President Margaret Chatey and everyone for coming.

Mr. Breault also thanked the PTO for providing refreshments and named the other new staff members who were not able to attend. This included Beverly Austin, Mandy Makuch, Patrice Merendina and Patty Donahue.

**Communications**

A thank you note was received from Robyn Grabowski who received the Bicknell Scholarship award.

Also, the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be cancelled due to E. O. Smith's Open House. A special Board of Ed. meeting will be scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**School Opening**

Mrs. Johndrow spoke about how well the opening of school went. She complimented the custodial crew for all their hard work over the summer. The teachers and staff had bulletin boards decorated to reflect the Positive Behavior Supports Program and in conjunction with that theme attended a professional day on Monday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> on Team Building and PBS. The middle school children started this year with a new block schedule, which the teachers find very exciting as they have more time. The new Language Arts series is in place for the K – 5 students. Also new at school this year is the phone system and a new lunch program. Mrs. Johndrow also congratulated the two teachers who passed the BEST Portfolio program, Annie Perkins and Patrice Merindina.

**School Improvement Plan**

Mr. Breault and Mrs. Johndrow presented the updated School Improvement Plan, which was reviewed by the Board. Motion by D. Ecsedy to accept the School Improvement Plan as presented. Seconded by T. Lucier. Passed unanimously.

**Water Issues**

Mr. Breault discussed the water issues saying that the school has been tested a number of times and two locations have shown positive results for e-coli negative. The well had been treated August 27<sup>th</sup> but because of the positive results on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> the well and tank have been treated again today and another test will be done either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

The drilling of the new well is on hold as we wait for paperwork from the State of CT.

**Standing Orders – Dr. Kelly**

Motion by M. Stearns to approve the Physician's Standing Orders from Dr. Ronald Kelly. Seconded by D. King. Passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Ecsedy to move into executive session and invite Mr. Breault at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by T. Lucier. Passed unanimously.

**Possible Executive Session**

- Negotiations
- Pending Claims and Litigation

The Board came out of executive session at 7:51 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by D. Ecsedy to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by T. Lucier. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Conderino  
Recording Secretary