

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich
INTER-LAKES SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:34 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Carty.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage and Mr. Drenkhahn

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino and Mr. DiCecca

Others Joining the Meeting: Ms. Kennelly, Ms. Gribben, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Bennett, Dr. Kelley, Mr. Hale; 10 citizens; Ms. Plummer (Laconia Citizen); Ms. Schmidt (Meredith News); and Mr. Drapcho (Daily Sun)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS

At 6:35 p.m., it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to move into non-public session for matters of student personnel (RSA 91: A-3; IIc), staff personnel (RSA 91-A:3; IIc), real estate (RSA 91-A:3; II d) and negotiations (RSA 91-A:3; IIe). The Board was polled. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 7:13 p.m., it was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Candage to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Greater Meredith Program

Chris Kelly of the Greater Meredith Program (GMP) spoke to the school board on the Career Partnership Program. He spoke to the five components of the program: (1) Speakers' Bureau, (2) Job Shadows, (3) Internship, (4) Community Service, and (5) Job Placement. Mr. Kelly stressed that this program educates our students on what life is like outside of school. The business community works with students. This program wants to train students, to retain them to be good business employees for the future. The Greater Meredith Program has applied for a grant from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op, inclusive of funding for a coordinator of the program. The GMP has been in existence for four years. There will be a meeting on January 18, 2008 at Church Landing from 6:00-8:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

PUBLIC INPUT (cont'd.)

Terry Getty, Meredith resident and parent of a ninth grader, stated that her son has expressed fear and concern around student safety issues at Inter-Lakes High School. As a parent, Ms. Getty asked that the problem be recognized by the administration and Board and that something be done to correct it. Another parent at the meeting expressed a similar concern.

Mr. Carty stated that the Board is aware of the problem and it is being addressed.

Dr. McCormack reiterated that the administration and Board are committed to providing a safe school environment and issues around student behavior are being addressed. He encouraged parents to contact Ms. Kennelly or him regarding any problems. Dr. McCormack stated that the administration has relied on a variety of other resources to help deal with this issue.

Ms. Kennelly reiterated Dr. McCormack's comments regarding a safe school environment. She also stated her commitment to dealing with any concerns that are communicated to her. She encouraged students and parents to express their concerns to school personnel when they occur so they can be addressed.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Kelley recognized Ms. Julie Krisak for the "amazing" Veterans' Day assembly she organized. He further commented on Ms. Krisak's involvement at the elementary school, calling her a "star".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 27, 2007

In the minutes of November 27, 2007, on page 3, Greater Meredith Program/Career Partnership Program, the last sentence should read, "A grant request will be written by Jeanie Forrester and the Greater Meredith Program and will have the support of the school board."

The minutes of the special school board meeting of November 27, 2007 were approved, as corrected.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

It was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Candage to approve the payment of bills, Vouchers #1018 and #1019. Vote was unanimously in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Temperino reviewed the general fund budget summary report. She stated that the district is "on target" for this time of year. She reviewed an electricity analysis, noting that kwh usage is down 57% and this is contributable to the Honeywell Project. The average daily cost is down 39%.

**SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Secondary

Ms. Kennelly stated that Chris Hoefs was named the #1 trumpeter in New Hampshire at the New Hampshire Music Festival. Several students went to Gillette Stadium to participate in a financial football competition.

Sandwich Central School

Mr. Hansen stated that the primary multi-age group visited the Benz Center to visit with the senior citizens. They sang to them and then spent time reading to them.

Middle Tier

Mr. Bennett stated that two concerts were held last week, one for grades 4-8 and one for grades 2-6 – they were both very good.

Elementary

Dr. Kelley stated that the canned food drive collected over 2,000 cans.

Ms. Kathleen Burke, Ms. Arienne Shuffleton and Dr. Kelley were guest speakers at a recent Wentworth Elementary School faculty meeting. They spoke about the parent/ teacher/student conferences, assessments, etc. The staff of Wentworth Elementary was very impressed with what they heard.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Carty stated that it was standing room only at the recent Lakes Region Symphony concert.

Chris Mega, Meredith resident, commented that, as a taxpayer and a community member that uses the auditorium, the process for allocating time, resources and access to the facility is not working effectively.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Focus Area 'B'/NELMS

Mr. Bennett has been working with a committee of 13 (including parents, teachers, and administrators) on Focus Area 'B'. The committee has met regularly since August. The majority of their time has been spent on the NELMS Recommendations for Improvement. A vision/mission statement has been written. The committee has re-examined the 5-8 configuration for the Middle Tier. The principal's role has been reprioritized. Two minor modifications to the junior/senior high school facility should result in creating a greater sense of identity for students in seventh and eighth grade with the implementation of two separate intercom systems and inside and outside signage for the Middle Tier.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy #6175

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to approve Policy #6175, "Meeting Instructional Needs of Students," for a third and final reading. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Auditorium Proposal

Ms. Nancy Barry, previously from the New London Barn Playhouse, made a presentation to the Board for a three-tier theatre program: a Youth Theatre Program, a Junior Intern Company, and a Summer Theatre. She was requested by the Board to supply a written plan.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Drenkhahn provided the Board with the roster for the High School Math Team. He stated that the High School Holiday Concert will be held this Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. The Jazz Band will play on Friday.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS *(cont'd.)*

Mr. Carty asked that Board members review the high school's draft Program of Studies for 2008-2009 and submit questions via e-mail to him prior to the next meeting (January 8, 2008).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAU#2 Public Hearing and Board Meeting
Thursday, December 20, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
Humiston Building Conference Room, Meredith

Inter-Lakes Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Humiston Building Conference Room, Meredith

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:44 p.m. it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to move into non-public session for matters of staff personnel (RSA 91-A:3; IIc), real estate (RSA 91-A:3; II d) and negotiations (RSA 91-A:3; IIe). Mr. H. Cunningham polled the Board. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 9:48 p.m., it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:49 p.m., the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Carty.

Respectfully Submitted:
Karla J. Cashman
School District Clerk

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Candage and Dr. Shlager

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca
Ms. Kennelly, Mr. Bennett

At 6:35 p.m., the Board, Dr. McCormack and Ms. Kennelly discussed student issues at the high school.

At 7:13 p.m., it was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Candage to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Candage and Dr. Shlager

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 8:44 p.m., the Board discussed requests for early retirement incentives.

Mr. Hanson moved, Mr. D. Cunningham seconded, that the Board accept the early retirement requests, to be effective July 1, 2009, from: Paulette Durkee, M. Carol Howard, and James Durkee. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION III

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Candage and Dr. Shlager

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:08 p.m., the Board discussed a contract issue related to rental of the auditorium.

No action was taken.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION III

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Candage and Dr. Shlager

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:33 p.m., Mr. Carty updated the Board on the status of negotiations with the Inter-Lakes Education Association.

At 9:48 p.m., it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary