

STRATHAM, NH

On Wednesday, April 8, 2009, the Stratham School Board met at the Stratham Memorial School.

PRESENT: Gary Giarrusso, Claire Ellis, Travis Thompson, Wendy Poutre, Bruce Scamman (Chairperson), School Board Members; Laura Nelson, Assistant Superintendent; Tom Fosher, Principal; Becky Ruel, Assistant Principal; Margaret Driscoll, Special Education Director.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scamman opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. NONPUBLIC SESSION

May be called at any time in accordance with Chapter 91A:3II, a, b, c, d, e, i.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Scamman called for the acceptance of the minutes of March 18th and the minutes were approved as amended.

4. VISITORS

Nathan Merrill, parent of 4th grader. Mr. Merrill spoke relative to bullying.

Mr. Fosher distributed the policy relative to bullying and addressed staff training for bullying prevention. He explained procedures in place at SMS to deal with students and parents on this issue. A discussion ensued regarding school procedures that included parents, staff and the school board.

5. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. BOARD REPORT / POLICY

Policy Report: Ms. Poutre gave an update on the Policy Committee work. Stratham policies are forthcoming.

Secretary Report: Board correspondence was distributed by Ms. Ellis.

Chairs Report: Mr. Scamman reported that the SMS Board attended a Joint Board Meeting last Monday to discuss the current calendar. Officers for the Joint Board will be elected at the May meeting.

7. CURRICULUM

7.1 AYP / SMS made AYP in all areas.

8. SUPERINTENDENT / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Nelson updated the board on SAU events and upcoming work.

9. SMS ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

9.1 Principal's Report

Mr. Fosher briefed the board on the upcoming SMS activities. Today was an early release day. Mr. Fosher overviewed the training offerings.

10. EMPLOYEES

10.1 Nominations:

Ms. Poutre made a motion to approve the nominations as presented by Dr. Nelson.

Motion seconded by Mr. Giarrusso. Motion approved unanimously.

10.2 Conference Requests:

Mr. Thompson spoke to the relevancy of resource sharing by staff following conference attendance.

Mr. Giarrusso made a motion to accept a conference request from Gwen Hale. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Mr. Scamman brought forth a letter from the Stratham Teacher's Association relative to an employee retirement. Conversation ensued regarding the letter and the procedures used to distribute the Master Agreement. Conversation also ensued pursuant to the date within the contract, January 10, to notify the district of retirement. The board also discussed their obligation as a board to implement the contract as written and the impact of past board decisions on future boards.

11. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Mr. Foshier has received a request to use the school for a road race in October. We are not equipped to provide accommodations.

Information regarding the installation of a generator at SMS will be brought forth at the May meeting.

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1 2008-2009 Board Goals: The board reviewed its current goals for new members of the board. A copy of the goals was distributed with the agenda.

13. NEW BUSINESS

May Agenda – Belize trip. Conversation occurred regarding the Belize trip. Mr. Thompson overruled contract language. Mrs. Poutre made a motion to pay 60% of the reimbursable conference rate in accordance with the Master Agreement (\$1,598.40). Motion seconded by Mr. Thompson. 4 in favor. 1 abstention. Motion passed.

14. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL: None.

15. CLOSING

16. NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: May 13, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Scamman, seconded by Mr. Giarrusso and unanimously board voted with no discussion to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

Submitted by:

Laura Nelson

Meeting Handouts (PDF)

- Attachment 1 – SMS 3/18/09 Minutes
- Attachment 2 – Secretary Report
- Attachment 3 – Annual Financial Reports
- Attachment 4 – Enrichment duty proposal for 2009-2010
- Attachment 5 – Activities Report
- Attachment 6 – Enrollment Report
- Attachment 7 – SAU16 2009-2010 Calendar
- Attachment 8 – Teacher and Administration Nomination list
- Attachment 9 – Gwen Hale Conference Request
- Attachment 10 – STA Letter
- Attachment 11 – 2008-2009 SAU16 Goals
- Attachment 12 – Financial Report

Minutes of the school board are unofficial until accepted at a subsequent meeting of the school board.