

**FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
September 11, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

**School Administrative Unit #83
Blackrocks Village
5 Hall Road, Unit 1
Fremont, NH 03044**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Rowell called the September 11, 2007 meeting of the Fremont School Board to order at 6:12 pm at the School Administrative Unit #83, 5 Hall Road, Fremont, NH.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Jeff Rowell, Christine Kenneway, Marian Guidoboni, Deborah Genthner, Superintendent Normand Tanguay, and Financial Administrator Annmarie Scribner. Vice Chairwoman Peg Pinkham arrived at 7:05 pm.

Members of the public in attendance included: Kathy Schreiber, Kara Maslowski, Nancy Bernhardt, Mary Hale and Kathleen Bailey of the Rockingham News.

III. WORK SESSION

The next School Board meeting will include a handout with Board meeting protocol.

RECESS: 6:45 pm

IV. AGENDA REVISIONS

The PBIS report was tabled until the September 25, 2007 meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 21, 2007

Motion made by Deb Genthner to approve the August 21, 2007 public meeting minutes as amended. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 3-0. Peg Pinkham and Marian Guidoboni abstained.

VI. BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Tanguay reviewed an email from Town Administrator Heidi Carlson who reported that EEE spraying was done on August 26, 2007 at the school grounds. The treatment is not harmful and will be effective for up to 30 days. The first frost usually ends the mosquito season for the year.

Mr. Tanguay then discussed a letter from Lyonel Tracy, Commissioner of Education, regarding Safety of Children. The letter states that the State Fire Marshal has placed restrictions on the use of public school buildings in four districts and at one private school. Two misconceptions concerning safety inspections are:

1. "Some believe that municipal code enforcement officers have no jurisdiction over public school districts because the school districts are separate governmental entities. This is not true: RSAs 153, 155, and 155-A clearly assign, not only authority, but an obligation, to the local officials to periodically inspect the schools in their communities."
2. Some believe that "older buildings are not required to comply with current codes. That may be true of some parts of the State Building Code, but it is not true of the State Fire Code. The requirement of compliance for existing buildings is stated clearly in RSA 153 and was upheld last year by the New Hampshire Supreme Court."

Mr. Tanguay reported that the beginning of school went well. Open House for grades K-2 will be on September 19, 2007 and for grades 3-4 on September 20, 2007 (6:30-8 pm). PBIS nights will be on September 24, 2007 for grades K-2 and October 1, 2007 for grades 3-4 (6:30-7:30 pm).

Mr. Tanguay mentioned that the Town requested to show Sanborn High School's graduation ceremony, which is legal since it is public.

VII. PRESENTATION: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS): tabled

VIII. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

A joint report by Elementary School Principal Dawn Lewis and Middle School Principal Kelli Killen was included in the School Board agenda packet.

Seventh and eighth grade Exploratory classes have begun with a unit on pe.

The first test of the Alert Now system was conducted. Glitches will be fixed soon.

A building report by Mr. Brown was provided.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

1. VIDEO EQUIPMENT

Mr. Rowell read Letters to the Editor from Keith Stanton and Neil Rowland that were sent to the Rockingham County News and the Carriage Towne News, respectively. They claim that Ellis School officials got rid of equipment belonging to the Town of Fremont. However, the Board of Selectmen stated that there is no evidence that the equipment was ever sent to the Town of Fremont, according to a January 2003 letter from the Selectmen to Jerry Rease at ATT&T Broadband. An article in the Rockingham County News also stated that school officials disposed of cable equipment supplied by Continental Cablevision. Mr. Rowell called the Rockingham County News and asked what information they had. They had no information so they printed a correction in the August 31, 2007 paper stating that there is no documentation to support that equipment went to Ellis School. The Town's response is that the "burden of proof is with the cable company to prove Ellis has the equipment," Mr. Rowell said.

Ms. Kenneway stated that the Board has had a policy about what to do with old equipment so there would have been protocol if there ever was any of the equipment in question. (reword?)

Ms. Pinkham said that she received a call from Kathy Bailey the night of the Selectmen's Meeting on August 24, 2007. Ms. Pinkham told her that, to the best of her knowledge, she did not think the equipment was at Ellis. There is a big file on this at Town Hall. Ms. Pinkham asked if she could present information to the Cable Access Committee to help substantiate the Town's/Board's position. Mr. Rowell suggested putting together a package of documents that the Town has and add tonight's School Board meeting minutes. The other Board members agreed.

2. SEPTIC SYSTEM

Ms. Scribner received an email from Keith Stanton that included correspondence from the Department of Environmental Services regarding the compliance of the school septic system. Ms. Scribner requested information from the State. Mr. De Seve from the Department of Environmental Services determined that Fremont School District is in compliance based on septic system capacity and usage:

Current septic system capacity:	5850 gallons/day
Current usage:	5318 gallons/day
Under usage:	532 gallons/day

Ms. Scribner presented the Approval For Operation dated August 27, 2004, showing compliance of the system.

Ms. Pinkham asked if Mr. Stanton has received this information yet. Since he hasn't, the School Board's consensus was to present the information to him. Ms. Pinkham also suggested having the public website AmericanTaxpayer1950.com publish the correct information as well as posting it at Town Hall. Ms. Scribner will work on this.

B. ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

Mr. Tanguay reported that the Fremont School District met AYP for the whole school but that the district did not meet AYP in the subgroup Educational Disability. Administration is working on a plan to address this.

Ms. Guidoboni asked if this was a problem for a lot of districts. Mr. Tanguay replied affirmatively.

C. STATE DOE 25 AND MS 24 HANDOUTS

Ms. Scribner stated that the DOE 25 has been audited by Plodsik & Sanderson. The adjusted cost/pupil 2007 is \$9,047.12/student. The unreserved balance is \$136,000 and it will be given to the Town to offset taxes.

Ms. Pinkham asked what was pulled out for impact fees. Ms. Scribner replied that the figure was \$170,026 for impact fees as of June 30, 2007 and that \$1 was reserved, as agreed by the Board previously. Approximately \$3,000 was for PSNH.

Ms. Kenneway asked if Sanborn's cost per pupil was reported and Ms. Scribner replied that it was.

D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Pinkham reported that the Town Cable Advisory would have a public hearing on September 18, 2007 to hear from the public what the community would like to have with cable access. They also hope to get back responses to questionnaires and sample what people want regarding cable. Ms. Pinkham noted that the thought of one person on a committee is not necessarily the consensus thought of the whole committee.

Ms. Pinkham mentioned that the Budget Committee would like explanation as to where funding for the SAU building came from. Ms. Scribner said that she would attend the next BudCom meeting on September 19, 2007 at 7 pm to go over that information.

2. SANBORN/FREMONT COOPERATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ms. Kenneway reported that no date has yet been set to work on the committee.

X. PUBLIC INPUT

Kara Maslowski asked about the Cooperative Committee and Ms. Kenneway responded that, after Fremont's response was given to Sanborn's impasse statement, there was an article in the paper by Ellie Alessio (?) stating that the committee had disbanded. The \$6 million figure had been discussed but was never put in print.

Ms. Pinkham mentioned that the Budget Committee voted to acknowledge that the Planning Committee was not attached to the School Board and they asked for the Board to "consider"

making negotiations not necessarily only with Sanborn. Ms. Kenneway said that, at the end of the response to Sanborn regarding the impasse, it was noted that Fremont felt that the work had not been completed. Nothing was voted on and everything was in draft form. Ms. Guidoboni said that it has always been stated that Fremont has wanted to work on the cooperative plan. Ms. Kenneway said that there will be a meeting and hopefully it will be discussed how the committee really disbanded.

Ms. Maslowski asked if this year there would be information going home to parents before red ribbon week begins to alert families in case discussions with children are necessary. Mr. Tanguay said that he would talk to the principals about this.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. MANIFEST #3

Motion made by Deborah Genthner to approve Manifest #3, dated September 11, 2007 in the amount of \$151,029.79. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Ms. Genthner said that she had asked Ms. Scribner to review rush shipping charges and urged people to try to make orders early enough to avoid paying for rush shipping charges.

B. AUTHORIZATION FOR SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF PUPILS

Christine Kenneway made a motion to authorize, following a School Board hearing, to continue the suspension of a pupil (k-8) for a period in excess of ten (10) school days. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

C. PERSONNEL REPORT: discuss in non-public session; vote in public session

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Pinkham expressed interest in looking at any existing policy on students being able to participate in sports if their grades are below average (and if sport participation does not attribute to poor academics.) She noted that sometimes, playing sports is a big motivator for students who struggle to achieve academically.

Mr. Rowell mentioned possibly having School Board secretary Susan Perry videotape future School Board meetings as she takes the minutes. Mr. Tanguay said he would discuss it with Ms. Perry.

XIII. FUTURE AND FOLLOW UP AGENDA ITEMS

PBIS
Board Goals
Adult Education Program

September 25, 2007
TBD
TBD

After School Programs Proposal Survey	TBD
Board Policies	Ongoing
Long-range Facilities Planning Committee (NESDEC)	Ongoing
Budget FY09	Ongoing
Safety Plan Adoption	Ongoing
Intramural/Interscholastic Programs	Ongoing
School Nurse Report	October 2007

XIV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) and (d); RSA 91-A: 2 I (a)

Peg Pinkham moved to enter non-public session at 8:05 pm. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

XV. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Christine Kenneway motioned to come out of non-public session at 8:30 pm. Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

Peg Pinkham motioned to seal for one year the September 11, 2007 non-public meeting minutes on the grounds that personnel matters were discussed. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

Peg Pinkham motioned to approve the personnel report as presented. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

Deb Genthner motioned to accept the tuitioned student of an Ellis teacher. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Peg Pinkham motioned to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2007 non-public meeting (RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) and (d); RSA 91-A: 2 I (b)), as amended. Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS – N/A

XVII. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 at 7 PM

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 pm, Deb Genthner motioned to adjourn. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Perry
School Board Secretary