

**FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
December 11, 2007
7:00 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 December 11, 2007 meeting of the Fremont School Board to order at 7:02 pm at the School Administrative Unit #83, Blackrocks Village, 5 Hall Road, Unit 1, Fremont, NH 03044.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Jeff Rowell, Vice Chairwoman Peg Pinkham, Christine Kenneway, Marian Guidoboni, Deborah Genthner, Superintendent Normand Tanguay, Financial Administrator Annmarie Scribner, Middle School Principal Kelli Killen and Elementary School Principal Dawn Lewis.

Members of the public included: Cathy Herrmann, Mary Hale, John Linville, Larry Eichen and Mikella Grootenboer Eichen.

III. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Peg Pinkham motioned to enter non-public session at 7:05 pm, to act upon a matter or matters referenced in the following provisions of RSA 91-A: 2 I and/or RSA 91 – A: 3 II. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

IV. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Deborah Genthner motioned to come out of non-public session at 7:20 pm. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

V. AGENDA REVISIONS: put public input after action items

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christine Kenneway motioned to approve the minutes of the public session of November 20, 2007, as amended. Deborah Genthner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Marian Guidoboni motioned to approve the minutes of the public session of November 27, 2007, as amended. Deborah Genthner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

VII. BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

There was a general discussion about dates for the annual school district meeting.

Ms. Pinkham suggested setting a time to meet on March 8 but also set March 15 at 9 am to be a backup time should there be inclement weather.

Mr. Tanguay noted that a second grader wrote a letter about his disappointment that school was canceled due to the snow day.

Mr. Rowell reported that the infield project (Earthwork portion) has been completed by FAA and he read the list of names of volunteers written by Mike Weymouth of Weymouth Construction: David Richard, Peter Kelleher, Mike Romano, Steve Hines, Dave Peterson, Eric Andreoli, Mark Pitken, Jeremy Lennon, Chris Donigian and Mike Weymouth. Ms. Guidoboni and Mr. Rowell wondered how they should be thanked. Ms. Pinkham suggested putting a thank you in the school newsletter and Ms. Kenneway suggested putting a thank you in the Town newsletter.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kevin Herrmann, Chairman of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee provided an update on the Committee's progress. He stated that the original charge was to establish a facility report, help with a public forum in order to get the information out and recommend a long-range facility program for the district.

Mr. Herrmann said that the Committee will disregard any cooperative information and start to work on facilities issues directly, using enrollment and other data that NESDEC uses.)

There will be a meeting on January 9 to discuss how to get the word out.

Mr. Herrmann asked if the School Board had a sense of staff growth in the schools. Ms. Lewis said that growth fluctuates based on the number of children, as well as student needs. Ms. Killen said that the number of 85 staff members was a good estimate to work with. She had no reason to believe that that number would increase quickly.

Ms. Pinkham asked if the "facilities study" was more about capacity or student flow (how curriculum and student's age affects capacity.) Mr. Herrmann responded that the rough draft mentioned that but that the curriculum is not high on priority now. He said that architects talk about that. Ms. Kenneway said that this was called "ed specs" and is ahead of the process that the Facilities Committee is charged with now. Mr. Tanguay mentioned that the committee can move into a building committee if it is determined that a school should be proposed or something of that nature.

The School Board thanked the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee for the good work.

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The School Board reviewed the Principal's Report as provided in the agenda.

Ms. Lewis said that, on November 19, 2007, she and Ms. Killen met with a representative from the Timberland Company and toured the school to get ideas about what they could volunteer to help with (such as walking trails and community garden.)

Mr. Rowell asked for an update on the Everyday Math program for the seventh grade. Ms. Killen said that the first of 3 chapters were similar to the last part of Everyday Math. The teacher's goal was to finish Everyday Math in the next few weeks. Mr. Rowell suggested having a type of assessment that would tell how the program was going. Ms. Killen said that all of the NWEA tests were finished and that the staff would be reviewing scores soon. At first glance, she said that the scores looked good.

Mr. Rowell said that the holiday concert was well attended.

Ms. Pinkham asked what a fair assessment time would be to look over and evaluate effectiveness of new programs. Mr. Tanguay said that it takes 3-5 years to test the effectiveness of a program. Ms. Pinkham suggested having some of this kind of information shared with the School Board regarding an appropriate "ground period" to successfully judge a program.

C. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Cards were given to Ms. Lewis on the occasion of her birthday)

1. TOWN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Pinkham reported that the Cable Committee would be disbanding to become another more "cable-functioning" committee. She said that all terms have been finalized but she wasn't sure if people gave their signatures yet. She said that there would be 2 cable channels and that the cable bills might increase a bit.

The School Board meetings need to be in vhs format in order to be aired, and there are time constraints. The Board favored putting the meeting video in a web format on the Internet. Sonja Gonzales was looking into that now.

2. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ms. Pinkham reported that there would be another budget walkthrough on January 5, 2008 at 9 am, with a possible meeting on December 19 at 7pm for review with Ms. Lewis. Ms. Pinkham would confirm that after the December 13 meeting. Ms. Lewis said that if it doesn't work out, she could make the January 5 meeting now because her plans had changed.

Ms. Pinkham said that she would like to get more direct questions from the Budget Committee. She asked the Board if the walkthrough was good and mentioned that it was the first time that the Budget Committee had seen the budget. Mr. Rowell thought that the walkthrough went well and was surprised that the Budget Committee hadn't previously seen the budget since they seemed prepared. Mr. Tanguay said that he preferred the walkthrough process and reviewing page by page. Mr. Rowell assumed that Charles Kimball did as well.

Ms. Kenneway liked how Ms. Pinkham knew what items were more important.

Mr. Tanguay said that review before the meeting helps.

Ms. Pinkham commended Ms. Lewis on the answers that she gave to the Budget Committee's questions. She said that the Budget Committee appreciated that since they need to understand in order to vote on the budget.

Ms. Kenneway said that Ms. Lewis and Ms. Killen answered questions completely and without confusion. Ms. Pinkham agreed that both did well.

Mr. Tanguay also said that Ms. Scribner did well with explaining the budget numbers and showed that nothing was being hidden.

3. FREMONT REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ms. Kenneway reported that roughly 30 people attended the public forum on November 19, 2007. Keith Stanton taped it.

IX. PUBLIC INPUT: none

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. RATIFY POLL TO SEAL NONPUBLIC MINUTES

Christine Kenneway motioned to ratify the email poll taken on November 28, 2007 to seal the November 27, 2007 nonpublic minutes. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 (?)

Christine Kenneway motioned to ratify the email poll taken on December 6, 2007 to seal the November 20, 2007 nonpublic minutes. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

B. MANIFESTS #9 and #10

Deborah Genthner motioned to approve accounts payable manifests #9 and #10 in the amount of \$729,698.45. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

C. NHSBA RESOLUTIONS

Christine Kenneway motioned to approve the NH School Board Association Proposed Resolutions for 2008 presented at the Delegate Assembly. Deborah Genthner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Ms. Kenneway recommended, on page 10 #4, to add, "We have defined standards and GLEs that the State has instituted. She confirmed that part of the "statistical data" includes NECAP scores.

D. SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT FY08

Deborah Genthner motioned to execute the Special Education Transportation Contract with Safeway Transportation, Inc. for FY08-FY10. Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Tanguay asked if the School Board wanted a warrant article for the late bus cost and the Board said yes.

Mr. Tanguay also asked if the Board wanted the tuition cost increase to be a warrant article. Mr. Rowell noted that Charles Kimball questioned the procedure and order of the warrant articles. Ms. Kenneway suggested asking legal counsel about the possibility of voting out of order. Ms. Pinkham said that the Budget Committee has to vote on an operating budget minus the money within a warrant article and that we should understand what could happen.

Mr. Rowell asked if the actual tuition amount was determined and Mr. Tanguay replied that only the DOE information was provided, which didn't help. Ms. Guidoboni said that it would be beneficial to know the actual tuition amount before the March 5 meeting. Ms. Pinkham noted that there has to be a line item in (Sanborn's) budget for the per pupil cost and Mr. Tanguay said he would look into that.

Ms. Guidoboni said that she read an article in the Carriage Town in which Sanborn School Board minutes described cost to Memorial School and she got the impression that it was tied into Sanborn's school budget. Ms. Pinkham said it could have been as an "operational to Memorial School."

Mr. Rowell asked if the Rose Colby's PowerPoint presentation could be posted on the school website. Ms. Killen said that permission from Rose Colby would be necessary in order to post anything from her. Ms. Kenneway asked why the Parent Information Night/NELMS presentation was not videotaped/web streamed and Ms. Killen said that videotaping was not part of the original contract.

Ms. Pinkham asked if Ms. Killen would attend the 2-day meeting with Rick Warmly in Sturbridge, MA in January and Ms. Killen said that no one has yet accepted the offer to attend.

XII. FUTURE AND FOLLOW UP AGENDA ITEMS

Board Policies	Ongoing
Long-range Facilities Planning Committee (NESDEC)	Ongoing
Budget FY09	Ongoing
Adult Education Program	TBD
Web Page Designer	TBD
AYP Report	TBD
Parent Informational Meeting	TBD

XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91 – A: 3 II (b), (c) and RSA 91 – A: 2I (b)

Peg Pinkham motioned to enter non-public session at 8:50 pm per RSA 91 – A: 3 II (b), (c) and RSA 91 – A: 2I (b). Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

IX. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Deborah Genthner motioned to return to general session at 9:45 pm. Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Christine Kenneway motioned to seal the minutes of December 11, 2007, per RSA 91 – A: 3 II (b), (c) and RSA 91 – A: 2I (b). Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

X. NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 8, 2008 at 7 pm**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:48 pm, Peg Pinkham motioned to adjourn. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Perry
School Board Secretary