

**FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Meeting
May 13, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

School Board Chair Jeffrey Rowell called the May 13, 2008 meeting of the Fremont School Board to order at 6:38 pm at the School Administrative Unit #83, Blackrocks Village, 5 Hall Road, Unit 1, Fremont, NH 03044.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Jeff Rowell, Peg Pinkham, Marian Guidoboni, Deb Genthner, Christine Kenneway, Superintendent Normand Tanguay, Middle School Principal Kelli Killen, and Elementary School Principal Dawn Lewis.

Members of the public included Cathy Herrmann, Kathy Bailey, Nancy Bernhardt, Wendy Downing, Mary Hale, Nancy Lathrop, 2and Sherri Ficker.

III. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91 – A: 3 II (c)

Peg Pinkham made a motion to enter non-public session at 6:40 pm to act upon a matter or matters referenced in RSA 91 – A: 3 II (c). Deb Genthner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

IV. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Peg Pinkham made a motion to return to general session at 7:17 pm. Deb Genthner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deb Genthner motioned to approve the public minutes of April 22, 2008, as amended. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

VI. BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Tanguay discussed legislation CA CR 34 and the Evergreen Clause, which passed the Senate with the amendment of no cost of living increase. Ms. Kenneway asked how that would affect contracts now in place. Mr. Tanguay said that the legislation would not affect the existing contracts.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Typed reports from both principals as well as Mr. Brown were included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Lewis pointed out that the Science NECAPS (4th and 8th grade) would take place on May 19, 2008 (not May 12 as was in the typed report.)

DARE graduation would be on June 10, 2008 (rain date June 13.)

Ms. Killen reviewed students' Gold and Platinum Card Status percentages.

Ms. Killen noted that Sonja Gonzalez had included with the agenda a workup of her workday activities. Answering Ms. Pinkham, Ms. Killen replied that Ms. Gonzalez works approximately 190-210 days/year from about 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM or beyond (and some weekends, evenings, etc. as needed.)

Ms. Pinkham asked about enrollments. Ms. Lewis said that kindergarten screening was on May 9, 2008 and that there were currently 40 registered. In addition, there were 12 new first grade students enrolled for next year so far. Ms. Lewis said that there would be a kindergarten "graduation" which would acknowledge Fremont's first kindergarten class. Morning and afternoon classes would be together for the event.

Ms. Lewis stated that there was one unexpected out of district placement taking place this month. Current special education numbers:

Pre-school: 17
Elementary: 50
Middle School: 25
High School: 33
18-21: 7

Ms. Killen reviewed the spring 2008 NWEA Scores for grades 5 through 8, noting that students showed growth over the year. She said that science teachers would meet on Monday with a consultant to discuss reasons why students did not improve in the science proficiency. She said, in the eighth grade, it might have to do with the way the curriculum was "divvied up". The idea is to make sure students were learning the right thing at the right level.

Mr. Rowell asked if the NWEAs were directly correlated to the NECAP and GLEs. Ms. Killen said that the NWEAs match the NH GLEs and were correlated to NECAP too, but, with NECAP, there were "constructed responses" which can help students gain more points.

B. WEB PAGE DESIGNER: tabled

C. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ms. Kenneway reviewed her report on the Budget Committee Meeting on April 9, 2008. She noted that there were questions regarding over expenditures in the Transportation and School Board line items.

Some requests that the Budget Committee had to help next year's budget process run smoothly include:

- Monthly updates of line item budget as regards expenditures to date and explanations of line item transfers (voted unanimously). Mr. Tanguay said that a computer printout was always available as long as the Budget Committee did not micromanage accounts. Ms. Pinkham asked if this could be in email format and Ms. Kenneway said that it could. Ms. Kenneway suggested that the School Board get a copy of any information that the Budget Committee got. Ms. Pinkham suggested explaining things in the comment parts.
- Clarification how Special Education relates to 504 plans (Ms. Lewis said that 504 falls under IDEA and Rehab Act. It was noted that Ms. Lewis already provided Special Education information.)
- (Dawn noted that the 3-5 Preschool Program was a Special Education program since it provided services for those in need. As such, it could be funded by local taxation.)
- Documentation that Special Services were directly tied to IEPs.
- All line items that were mandated be marked with an asterisk
- Listing of all staff, salaries, benefits and titles; update when there are changes to staffing, w/accompanying financial impact. Ms. Pinkham said that the Budget Committee had been given this up to what was allowed by law.
- The Budget Committee requested that the School Board vote on adopting the SB2 calendar for the upcoming budget and very few school districts have approved SB2.

Peg Pinkham made a motion to not move to the SB2 Calendar and to stay within the laws and guidelines of Fremont's Charter. Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Ms. Kenneway said that she had asked the Budget Committee about Fremont being an MBA District or not since no vote was found in former minutes (any vote would have been noted in the minutes of an annual meeting of the Town as a warrant article.)

2. LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ms. Pinkham said that there would be a meeting tomorrow night and that there was a request to look at the demographic study and formal presenting material done by the Building Committee. Ms. Guidoboni and Ms. Kenneway said that they would look for this information.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Genthner said that there were 5 people, including herself, on the Public Relations Committee: Cheryl Rowell, Martha Abbey, Beth Lucas, Laurel Earnshaw.

The First meeting would be on May 15, 2008 at 9 AM at the Fremont Library.

This week's newsletter would have the last day of school and date of the next School Board meeting. The June town newsletter would wish the eighth grad students well as they enter into high school next year.

Ms. Genthner said that thank you letters would be sent for the Timberland Project. She would like them to be on SAU letterhead and have the School Board sign them.

D. ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS STATUS REPORT

Mr. Tanguay congratulated Principals Killen and Lewis and the Ellis staff for meeting the requirements of AYP. A copy of the Preliminary AYP Status Report for School Districts was provided with the agenda.

Ms. Killen said that the staff got the learning environment under control and the curriculum aligned. Mr. Rowell noted that making AYP was in compliance with No Child Left Behind. Mr. Tanguay said that AYP non-compliance was not cumulative (wording?).

Ms. Pinkham suggested acknowledging the staff at graduation. Ms. Genthner said that she would add this to the newsletter as well.

E. SANBORN/TIMBERLAND SAFE AND DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION

Ms. Killen stated that the Fremont School District had officially joined the Sanborn/Timberlane Safe and Drug Free Community Coalition (STSDF). Middle School Guidance Counselor Kate Segal would be on the steering committee. Cathy Herrmann wanted to invite parents to join. Meetings were held on the first Tuesday of every month at the Sad Café in Plaistow, NH. The current goal was addressing under age drinking.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Cathy Herrmann mentioned to Ms. Genthner that Danielle LeClair had donated sand for the long jump.

Ms. Herrmann also asked if the number of schools who had not met AYP was higher than previous years. Ms. Rowell said there was a Union Leader article that said that half of the schools in NH did not achieve AYP status.

Ms. Herrmann mentioned upcoming events such as Teacher Appreciation, the Book Fair and Field Day on June 6.

Sherri Ficker thanked the School Board for acknowledging Theresa and herself.

IX. ACTION ITEMS**A. MANIFESTS #20 and #21**

Deb Genthner made a motion to approve accounts payable Manifest #20 in the amount of \$96,192.66 and Manifest #21 in the amount of \$141,037.55 (both dated May 13, 2008 and totaling \$237,230.21.) Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Highlights of the manifests included: program by Kate Segal where peer mediators promoted peace and justice at Ellis School; field trips, workshops, contracted services, professional development and computer repairs.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Pinkham made note of mosquito curtains, saying that she could get educational discounts if Ellis could use them to enhance safety for outside areas/classrooms.

XI. FUTURE AND FOLLOW UP AGENDA ITEMS

Board Policies	Ongoing
Fremont Cooperative Planning Committee	Ongoing
Web Page Designer	May 13
High School Graduation Requirements	June
Standard Based Reporting System Pilot Program	June
Annual Report FY08	August
NELMS Recommendations	TBD
Adult Education Program	TBD
AYP Report	TBD
Everyday Math	TBD
NHSBA: Board Work session In-Service	TBD
Policy: Project Management Plan	TBD

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last Day of School
8th Grade Graduation

June 19
June 19 at 6:30 PM

Mr. Rowell asked Ms. Killen about requesting feedback on the progress report pilot. Ms. Killen said that survey results could not be tracked to email addresses. She said that she would put something in the newsletter telling parents that they could email her and she could email them the survey link. Mr. Rowell suggested that Ms. Killen report on how data would be used from the pilot at the next School Board meeting in June.

XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Christine Kenneway made a motion to enter non-public session at 9:00 pm to act upon a matter or matters referenced in RSA 91 – A: 3 II (c) and RSA 91 – A: 2 I (b). Marian Guidoboni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

XIII. RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Deb Genthner made a motion to return to general session at 10:37 pm. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0. Roll call was taken.

Ms. Guidoboni made a motion to approve the 9-day early release from Ellis Science teacher John Herrmann's contract for the 2007-08 school year. Deb Genthner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Deb Genthner made a motion to ratify the telephone poll to unseal a portion of the Nonpublic Minutes of April 8, 2008. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Deb Genthner made a motion to approve the non-public minutes of April 22, 2008 as amended. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Christine Kenneway made a motion to seal the non-public minutes for May 13, 2008 for one year. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Deb Genthner made a motion to approve the Personnel Report: new hire of Jackie Driscoll as Special Education Aide effective May 5, 2008 and maternity leave for Mikella Grootenborer, 3rd grade teacher, effective August 28, 2008, for 12 weeks. Peg Pinkham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

The School Board decided to have the School Board Association In-Service Meeting on June 24, 2008 in Concord at 6 PM.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: MAY 27, 2008 at 6:30 PM

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:43 pm, Deborah Genthner motioned to adjourn. Christine Kenneway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Perry
School Board Secretary