

TO THE GREENLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
GREENLAND, NH

The Greenland School Board met for its regular session on February 18, 2008 at the Greenland Central School.

CALL TO ORDER School Board Chairperson Ann Mayer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Rich Carlin, Jim Haslam, Ann Mayer, Tina Rockefeller, Martha Stone, School Board Members, George Cushing, Superintendent of Schools, and Peter Smith, Principal.

FACILITY TOUR The School Board began their meeting by taking a tour of the facility to examine maintenance related items in need of attention. The Board toured the new addition where Mr. Smith pointed out that the caulking in certain expansion joints had been compromised and that the aluminum covers used in other parts of the building would be an ideal solution. The School Board examined the outdated and energy inefficient windows in the 1967 addition as well as the heater covers which are in disrepair and pose a safety hazard. The School Board also examined the old style raised radial flooring on the back stairwell and hallway that is extremely difficult to clean given its design. Mr. Smith pointed out a persistent roof leak in the old main hallway outside of the gymnasium entrance. The School Board toured the old cafeteria and discussed the renovations soon to be undertaken. At the conclusion of the tour Mr. Smith took the School Board to the main entrance where he pointed out the hazard created by the pitch of the roof over the entrance that deposits water which freezes on the sloping walkway.

MINUTES On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the School Board minutes from January 28, 2008 were unanimously approved as amended.

MANIFEST On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the manifest for January 26, 2008 through February 1, 2008 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$41,781.51. On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the manifest for February 2, 2008 through February 12, 2008 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$211,836.71.

The Board engaged in discussion regarding the maintenance objectives and requested that the administration compile for the March meeting, a maintenance objective list including painting, floors, lighting, ceilings, etc. including an approximate priority order for completion and cost.

EARLY RETIREMENT The School Board reviewed an early retirement proposal that had been discussed between the Superintendent and a staff member. On a motion by Mrs. Rockefeller, seconded by Mr. Haslam the Board authorized one (1) such package to be offered to a staff member who wants to retire at the end of the 2007-08 school year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING Mrs. Mayer suggested that School Board members divide up sections of the budget and be prepared to answer questions regarding those specific budget lines at the School District Meeting. Each member took certain line items, as well as a warrant article. Mrs. Mayer then asked the

administration to post a 6:30 School Board pre-meeting prior to the 7 p.m. School District Meeting on March 6th.

CALENDAR OF POLICY ACTION

Dr. Cushing reported that the only item noted on the calendar was payment of School Board members which had been done.

NON PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the School Board's non public minutes from January 28, 2008 were unanimously approved and sealed.

PHS PROJECT GRADUATION

On a motion by Mrs. Rockefeller, seconded by Mr. Haslam the School Board voted unanimously to donate \$250.00 to the Portsmouth High School Project Graduation.

POLICIES

The School Board discussed a new version of policy KF regarding use of school facilities and Mr. Smith distributed revisions to our school Facility Use forms. The School Board agreed that the new version of policy KF was not in line with our facility use rules and procedures and it was determined that Mrs. Mayer and Mr. Smith will work on the final editing of the facility use rules and procedures as well as the permit and then align the School Board's existing policy KF to those documents.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Haslam policy EBC was approved on a first reading.

It was further discussed that Mr. Smith would bring the school's recently revised Emergency Management Plan to the March meeting for School Board approval.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Carlin policy EB was unanimously approved on a first reading.

Policy JIFCA was rejected as unacceptable on a first reading.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller policy EMAH was unanimously approved on a first reading as edited.

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Haslam policy GBCDA was unanimously approved on a second reading with edits.

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Haslam the policy regarding school sponsored fundraising was unanimously approved on a first reading as amended.

RENOVATIONS TO THE OLD CAFETERIA

Dr. Cushing reported that after a discussion with Mr. Katkin it appears that Ricci Construction will have satisfied the building inspectors concerns, will have a building permit and will be able to begin the renovations during the February vacation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rich Carlin reported to the board that he received and provided to Mr. Ken Fernald the specifications requested by the state with regard to the installation of an emergency generator at the Greenland Central School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Dr. Cushing reported that Portsmouth High School is trying to make staffing decisions that will address concerns from SAU 50 such as foreign language. He indicated that so far the school has added two new positions in their budget, one for business and the other for math and that there had been no staffing cuts. Mrs. Mayer distributed a handout she had regarding staffing requests at Portsmouth High School.

Dr. Cushing then updated the board on next year's school calendar, sharing a draft that the Portsmouth School Board had approved. He acknowledged that there had been no major change to vacations and he indicated that he would bring a Greenland specific draft to the March meeting for approval.

Dr. Cushing reminded the board that Rachel's Challenge had been scheduled for April 3rd and would be geared to middle school students in SAU 50 and 52. He noted that the two SAUs would share the cost and that there would be a presentation for parents that evening.

SPECIAL
EDUCATION REPORT

Dr. Cushing distributed the monthly special education report and the School Board reviewed the data.

PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT

Mr. Smith began his report by sharing news of a successful "lock down drill" that had been recently conducted. He noted that Mrs. Mayer had been on hand for the drill, as well as the Greenland Police Department and that it had been conducted at a very challenging time of day during junior high lunch. Mr. Smith then distributed to the School Board complimentary tickets to the upcoming drama production of Annie Junior. He noted that the students along with the co-directors Ms. Sherrill and Mrs. Leach were working very hard and are excited about this year's play. Mr. Smith reported on the fact that Greenland Central School will maintain its "approved" status from the State of New Hampshire D.O.E. after their review of our school approval report. He informed them that the health inspector had returned and found that we had satisfactorily addressed his concerns and he reported his findings to the state.

Mr. Smith distributed a packet of NECAP test results relating to the October 2007 testing. He walked the Board members through the data in hand, noting that Greenland students had performed very well in comparison to the state wide statistics. Mr. Smith then reflected briefly on a disciplinary issue involving the 8th grade girl's basketball team and the follow up that he and Mrs. Feeney had taken. Mr. Smith finished by reporting on the upcoming 8th to 9th grade course selection process and honors program, noting that there appeared to be better communication and attention to these issues from the high school.

AGENDA PLANNING

The following is a list of upcoming School Board meetings and events:
March 4, 2008 – Greenland Candidates Night- GCS – MPR
March 4, 2008 – Secondary School Advisory Meeting, Portsmouth High School, 6 p.m.
March 6, 2008 – Greenland School Board Meeting- 6:30-7 p.m., GCS
March 6, 2008 – Annual School District Meeting – 7 p.m., GCS
March 11, 2008 – Town Voting
March 15, 2008 – Town Meeting
March 17, 2008- Regular School Board Meeting

March 26, 2008 – SAU 50 Board Meeting, Greenland Central School

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Haslam the School Board unanimously voted to adjourn their meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter D. Smith

Secretary