

To be voted by the Newington School Board at its next scheduled meeting.

**NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The monthly meeting of the School Board of the Newington School District was held at the Newington Public School on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Helen Maldini, Chairperson
Deirdre Link
Jack Anderson

Administrators: George A. Cushing, Superintendent
Helen Rist, Principal of Newington Public School
Mary Lyons, Director of Pupil Services

Visitors: Abigail Lundborn

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Maldini opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Abigail Lundborn was recognized and introduced. Mrs. Lundborn is the K-1 Teacher.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes: Upon motion duly made by Jack Anderson and seconded by Deirdre Link it was agreed to approve the minutes of July 19, 2007.

Communications: Upon motion duly made by Deirdre Link and seconded by Jack Anderson it was voted to accept the resignation of Susanna Petti effective immediately. It is with deep regret that Ms. Petti's resignation is accepted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Cushing announced opening day for SAU 50 is August 27, 2007 at the Greenland Central School.

Mary Lyons presented the Special Education Report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Rist reported on the following:

- ✓ Summer projects.
- ✓ Physical Education teacher position is still vacant.
- ✓ Playground passed inspection. Replenishing the bark mulch is left to be done.
- ✓ Wellness Committee is looking for participants/volunteers
Deirdre Link volunteered to serve.
- ✓ New start time for school is 8:05 am. The first afternoon bus will run at 2:55 pm and the second bus will run at approximately 3:10 pm. Jack Anderson inquired if the bus company runs background checks on the drivers. Dr. Cushing will confirm the background check procedure.
- ✓ Spanish time for grades 3 & 4 and grade 2 need an additional 15 minutes teacher time. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to revisit the additional time for Spanish and Helen Rist will obtain additional information including Collective Bargaining Agreement language and cost.
- ✓ Non resident student policy and tuition of students. Mary Lyons engaged discussion regarding accepting tuition students and after much research, discussion and liability examination, she recommends accepting tuition of Kindergarten students. Board discussion of approximately 40 minutes. It was agreed that Mary Lyons and Helen Rist would meet before the next Board meeting to revisit the matter and draft a proposal. The Board will be given an update at the September meeting.
- ✓ New staff members: K-1-2 - Abigail Lundborn; Nurse – Jeannine Gallant; Art – Phyllis Marsh; Food Service – Susan Smith is returning.

Dr. Cushing reported the following:

- A. Community Health Profile study.
- B. Thursday is Freshman orientation at Portsmouth High School.
- C. PHS Leadership Day is tomorrow at 7:00 am
- D. Dr. Cushing placed into nomination Phyllis Marsh as the Art Teacher at 10%. Upon motion duly made by Jack Anderson and seconded by Deirdre Link, Phyllis Marsh was elected as the Art Teacher with a 10% teaching contract.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS:

1. **Communications.** Jack Anderson discussed the newsletter and pending matters to be included in the newsletter. It was agreed to reimburse Jack Anderson the cost of the software to develop the newsletter in the approximate amount of \$100.00.
2. **Facilities.** Helen Maldini provided an update on the summer renovations and improvements.
3. **Policy.** Deirdre Link requested the Board to review the policies pending and to get back to her with their thoughts.

4. **Technology.** Jack Anderson reviewed the REAP funds and requested information on the accounting procedure for the funds to better understand them. Jack will visit the SAU office to review the procedures at the Central Office level.
5. **Other.** Dr. Cushing announced that the SAU 50 picnic has been cancelled this year. There will be a breakfast on October 5, 2007 from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the Greenland Central School.
6. **Secondary School Advisory.** The next meeting will be on September 26, 2007 in Newington from 5:00 – 6:00 pm followed by the SAU 50 Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

MANIFEST:

Upon motion duly made by Jack Anderson and seconded by Deirdre Link it was unanimously voted to accept the manifest of July 17, 2007 through August 14, 2007 in the amount of \$21,978.67.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and roll call of officers it was agreed to adjourn at 9:39 p.m.

Secretary