

TO THE GREENLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
GREENLAND, NH

The Greenland School Board met for its regular session on December 17, 2007 at the Greenland Central School.

CALL TO ORDER School Board Chairperson Ann Mayer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Rich Carlin, Jim Haslam, Ann Mayer, Tina Rockefeller, Martha Stone, School Board Members; George Cushing, Superintendent of Schools, Mary Lyons, Director of Pupil Services, Jim Katkin SAU 50 Business Administrator and Peter Smith, Principal.

CONTRACTOR PRESENTATION Mrs. Mayer introduced Elizabeth, Kim and Don from Custom Homes of Great Bay who provided an overview of the project proposal to renovate the SAU 50 office space. Working from a bid proposal and illustrations the representatives detailed the scope of their work and answered questions. Many details and options were discussed and at the end of the presentation Mrs. Mayer thanked them for their time and indicated the board would take their proposal under consideration.

VISITORS Mrs. Mayer then recognized visitor and GCS reading specialist Vickie Canner.

MINUTES On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the minutes from November 19, 2007 were unanimously approved as amended.

MANIFEST On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Stone the manifest for November 17, 2007 through December 3, 2007 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$211,827.16.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Stone the manifest for December 4, 2007 through December 13, 2007 was unanimously approved in the amount of \$161,786.34.

Mr. Katkin then reviewed the status of the current year's budget including tuition, health insurance, special education, etc. Mr. Katkin also explained the procedure for the transfer of funds that are due back to the district from the SAU.

SAU 50 RENOVATIONS The School Board resumed discussion of the proposed renovations to the SAU 50 office building and Mr. Katkin shared some concerns about the bid cost and other details. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the cost and other potential options. The board directed the Superintendent and the Renovation Committee to address the contractor regarding some of the questions including windows, ramp, floor options, insulation, french door, etc. It was then determined that if and when they were satisfied with the answers to the questions, the board would move ahead and schedule a public hearing to move funds from the expendable trust.

BUDGET ISSUES Discussion began with Mr. Smith providing answers to questions raised at the previous budget work session. He provided insight regarding the age of athletic uniforms that were being replaced and the status of sports equipment. He indicated that a review of the building highlighted a

number of classrooms and common areas that were in need of painting and also reflected on the status of the census work conducted through the school. The School Board then revisited a number of questions and proposals from their previous budget work session and made the following decisions.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Haslam the School Board voted unanimously to fund the Extended Learning and Curriculum Integration Coordinator position at \$30,000 with the expectation that the remaining salary would be derived from the Title II A grant. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Mrs. Rockefeller, seconded by Mr. Carlin the School Board voted unanimously to place the remaining \$14,482 of the reading specialist salary into the operating budget.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. Mayer reviewed the written recommendation provided by the Full Day Kindergarten Exploratory Committee and discussed with the board the process and discussion that brought them to their recommendation. They reviewed the process of surveying parents, looking at existing programs and their conclusion that the most cost effective model at this point in time would be to add one additional hour of academic time to both the a.m. and p.m. sessions. They discussed with the board the need for a full time paraprofessional to effectively introduce that model and that there may be some additional cost to transportation that would need to be worked out through the business office. On a motion by Mrs. Rockefeller, seconded by Mrs. Stone the School Board voted unanimously to create a warrant article to cover the cost of expanding the kindergarten program as recommended by the Full Day Kindergarten Exploratory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Stone the School Board unanimously approved up to \$10,000 to be placed in the general budget to cover the cost of the NEASC self study and site visit.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Carlin the School Board voted unanimously not to increase the Media Aide position by 5 hours per week, starting school year 2008-09.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Carlin the School Board voted unanimously to increase the proposed co-curricular stipend schedule by \$750.00.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the School Board voted unanimously to remove \$3000.00 from line 2620-434-00 (general repairs) which was inadvertently placed in the budget.

Mr. Katkin then shared that the total increase to the budget was approximately \$32,000.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Stone the board voted 3-1 to reconsider the vote for the additional hours of the Media Aide.

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Stone the School Board

voted 3-1 to increase the Media Aide position by \$9,995.00.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the School Board voted unanimously to reduce the classroom furniture replacement line by \$3,936.00.

SPECIAL
EDUCATION REPORT

Mrs. Lyons distributed her special education report and questions ensued including one regarding ESOL services.

NON PUBLIC
SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Stone and on a roll call vote the School Board entered non public session at 9:32 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 to discuss personnel and negotiations issues.

OUT OF NON PUBLIC
SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Carlin the School Board came out of non public session at 9:54 p.m.

DECISIONS FROM
NON PUBLIC
SESSION

On motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Haslam the School Board unanimously approved administrative salary increases of 3.5 % for the 2008-09 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Stone the School Board unanimously approved an exception for Mrs. Prieto to the deadline for notifying the business office of degree advancement pending Dr. Cushing discussions with the teachers union.

POLICIES

On a motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller, policy JLC was unanimously adopted. On a motion by Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mrs. Rockefeller the School Board unanimously accepted policy EEA for a second reading with changes.

CALENDAR OF
POLICY ACTION

Dr. Cushing informed the board that the only item on the December Calendar of Policy Action was payment of the School District Treasurer, which was done.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Dr. Cushing used his report to highlight his attendance at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference and reflect on the sessions he attended. Dr. Cushing referenced the four page report that he had provided with the premeeting materials and shared a number of examples of how technology is effecting our lives and education specifically. He spoke at length about a presenter, Will Richardson who had talked about the impact of communication through the internet and how it will influence future generations.

PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT

Mr. Smith began by referencing the revised Greenland Educational Improvement Plan (G.E.I.P.) which had been included with the School Board's premeeting materials. He indicated that the G.E.I.P. Steering Committee had approved the plan and that it had been endorsed by the full Greenland faculty and staff. On a motion by Mrs. Stone and seconded by Mr. Carlin the School Board unanimously endorsed the revised G.E.I.P. Plan. Mr. Smith then inquired about the status of additional Title I holidays that had been requested through the Wage and Benefit Committee. After some discussion by the School Board it was determined that the issue would be tabled until the January meeting pending determination as to who is the fiscal agent for the grant. Mr. Smith

continued with his report by discussing the recent Application for School Approval and the various inspections that had been conducted by both the fire department and building inspector, as well as the health inspector. Mr. Smith continued his report by discussing some extended learning opportunities which were about to be implemented and in particular the Great Books program for grades 1-3. He made note of the fact that the program does involve some limited pull out of students who are identified as appropriate for these extended learning opportunities. By consensus the School Board approved this initiative. Mr. Smith concluded his report by sharing a print out of the current facility use for the upcoming months, noting the considerable level of activity that takes place outside of the school day.

AGENDA PLANNING The School Board reviewed upcoming meetings noting that Mr. Katkin and Mr. Haslam would meet with the Budget Committee for a preliminary meeting on January 10th and that the full board would meet with the Budget Committee on January 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

ADJOURNMENT On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Carlin the School Board adjourned their meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter D. Smith

Secretary