

Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, August 24, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

School Board members present were:

George Entwistle, Chairman

Jennifer DeSena

Marie Prager

John Ridge

Keith Witherell

Dr. Thomas Forcella, Superintendent of Schools

School Board member unable to attend was:

Kevin Sweeney

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman George Entwistle.

Others present included: Peter Dawson, Nancy Hutton, Tom Eismeier, Dwight Ely, Carmen Melito, Marla Bonneau, Pauline Apotria, Claire LaBrie, Sue Weatherbie, Keith Weatherbie

1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by George Entwistle
2. Adjustments to agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Approval of School Board Minutes

June 8, 1999 - approved as presented

June 14, 1999 - approved as presented

June 22, 1999 - approved as presented

July 13, 1999 - approved as presented

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Keith Witherell took this opportunity to welcome Dr. Forcella as the new Superintendent of Schools and Jim Rowe as a new member of the School Board.

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5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

5a. Dr. Forcella explained that an up to date listing of staff changes was included in the board packet and noted the resignation of David Ferrick, special education teacher.

5b. Sue Weatherbie reported that the buildings are nearly ready for the opening of school. She complimented the maintenance and custodial staff for their willingness to work together.

5c. The superintendent informed the board that a large group workshop including staff, parents and school board is planned for November. The major focus will be to bring all of the stakeholders together to develop a long range plan and a clear focus for the system. Planning is still in the early stages, but he will keep the board informed.

6. SCHOOL BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES AND REPORTS

6a. Finance Subcommittee

Finance Subcommittee chairman Keith Witherell reported that the subcommittee met prior to the School Board meeting where they signed warrants, discussed the computer lease agreement, reviewed the food services budget, were presented an update on the facilities, and reviewed the appropriations report.

6b. Policy Subcommittee

It was reported that the Policy Subcommittee has not met since the last School Board meeting. The meeting schedule for the school year has not been set.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (no unfinished business for consideration)

8. NEW BUSINESS

8a. Consideration of confirmation of appointments to teacher positions for 1999-2000

Dr. Forcella presented the following to the board for confirmation to teaching positions. As authorized by the School Board at its June 22, 1999 special meeting, these teachers were appointed by the Superintendent over the summer.

Bethany Etzel, Grade 3 (1 year position); Patricia McCarthy, Grade 2 (1 year position); Charles Carroll, Grade 6; Christine Groff, .4 French at Middle School; Lynn Hallett, .4 Spanish at High School; John Griffin, .4 Math at High School.

Keith Witherell made a motion to confirm the Superintendent's appointments. John Ridge seconded. After a brief discussion the motion was approved 6-0.

8b. Consideration of the Superintendent's nominations for fall athletic positions

Dr. Forcella made the following nominations:

Karen Willows, Assistant Field Hockey; Sarah Jordan, 8th Grade

Girls Soccer; Tina Veirmiglio, 7th Grade Girls Soccer; Sarah Randall, JV Field Hockey.

James Rowe made a motion to accept the Superintendent's nominations. Marie Prager seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

8c. Consideration of superintendent's nominations for 1999-00 co-curricular positions

Dr. Forcella made the following nominations to co-curricular fee positions:

Wendy Derzawiec, WebMaster; Jason Lund, Assistant E-Mail Administrator.

Keith Witherell made a motion to accept the Superintendent's nominations. James Rowe seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

8d. Consideration of a motion to enter a lease purchase agreement for computer/ technology equipment

Keith Witherell made the following motion: "That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with Peoples Heritage Leasing Corporation in the name and on behalf of the Town of Cape Elizabeth by and through its School Committee (the 'Issuer') for computer and related technology equipment, with an aggregate purchase price of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$122,815), in such form as the Superintendent may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the Issuer be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Issuer such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such tax-exempt lease purchase agreement; and that no part of the proceeds of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities and obligations, the acquisition of which would cause the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement to be a 'private activity bond' or an 'arbitrage bond' within the meaning of Sections 142 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the 'Code'); and

8d. Consideration of a motion to enter a lease purchase agreement for computer/ technology equipment that the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of said Code; and that the Superintendent be and he hereby is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Issuer to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure the interest portion of the rental payments under and

pursuant to the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement will be excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which would cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof."

John Ridge seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

9. Marie Prager made a motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations. Keith Witherell seconded. Marie Prager amended the motion to invite Pauline Aportria, Business Manager, to attend. Keith Witherell seconded the amendment. The motion as amended was approved 6-0.

The School Board entered executive session at 8:00 P.M.

Jennifer DeSena made a motion to enter public session. Marie Prager seconded. The motion was approved 6-0. The Board entered public session at 8:25 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Thomas A. Forcella

Superintendent of Schools

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