

PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2009

Approved Minutes

Present: Board: Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne, David Stauffer: Rob Billings—Business Manager; Wendy Olcott and Mark Peabody—Retiring and incoming Principals, respectively. Public: Judy Chypre, Wanda Berwick, Neal Gombas.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of May 11, 2009 approved as written.

Public Input: None

Principal's Report: Wendy submitted several Action Planning Documents For Review: These include 2008 Assessment Data; NECAP Item Analysis in Reading and Math; School Survey Analysis(May 2009); and Curriculum—Next Steps. These will be posted on the School Board's Bulletin Board in the Town Hall and are available from the Principal's Office.

Superintendent's Report: Speaking in Martha Tucker's absence, Rob Billings stated that current increasing needs for technology education district wide are topping the list of discussions for Martha and the CCSU schools. The CCSU Board Meeting will be at Barnet School on June 18,2009 at 6 PM.

Financial Report: Passumpsic Bank was recommended by the Business Manager to handle a 1-year TAN-Tax Anticipation Note. Passumpsic offered the best rates and flexibility. The Board voted unanimously to accept Passumpsic's offer. The Board authorized the Business Manager to be a second approved signer-along with Cheryl Stevenson-to close out the billing and reimbursement papers for the completed water system. The school will be reimbursed 100% for all expenses of the water system installation- approx. \$21,000.

Old Business: Three RFP's (Request for Performance) bidding offers will be sent to three food service providers if privatization of the school lunch program will produce any significant cost savings. The Stevens School will be asked again if they have any interest in providing hot lunches for their students. Air Testing – An Asbestos air quality test will be done over the summer by a certified air tester.

New Business: Detailed legislative updates from Montpelier are available on various websites by contacting the CCSU. The first reading of the Volunteer Policy was held. No action taken. The Policy needs to be clarified and our insurance coverages will be reviewed regarding volunteer workers. The Action Plan Draft is among the papers included in the Principal's Report and posted at the Town Hall. The Bus Route was approved and is the same as last year.

Other Business: The School Board and teachers and staff and kids wish to deeply thank Alan Thresher, Jr. for his preparation of the school garden spot. This includes mowing and tilling last fall and tilling again this spring. Kids have already planted some classroom raised vegetable seedlings and community volunteers will continue to plant until the garden is full. Volunteers will be working there on Sat. June 13, starting around 9AM. Come on in—the soil's fine! The School Board publicly thanked Wendy for decades of service to the school and also welcomed Mark Peabody as the new Principal. Mark officially starts July 1 and was passed the torch by Wendy at last week's appreciation party for Wendy at the school. Tears aplenty.

Future Agenda Items: Second Reading of the Volunteer Policy; Possible word from food service bids; Start of the Strategic Planning Initiative.

Executive Session: Entered at 9:05. Real Estate and Contracts.
Executive Session Exited at 9:45. Action taken: A new Bus Contract was signed. Jo Anne was authorized to sign the Summer School Contract at the CCSU Offices. The Board approved a tuition payment for a transfer student.
Meeting adjourned: 9:50

Respectfully submitted,
David Stauffer