

## PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY JULY 13, 2009

### Unapproved Minutes

Call to Order: 6:04 by Jo Anne Post; Present: Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne, David Stauffer; Superintendent Martha Tucker; Principal Mark Peabody; Public-Judy Chypre

Minutes of June 8 meeting approved with one correction regarding the food service inquiry. The Board officially welcomed new Principal Mark Peabody.

Public Input: None

Administrative Reports: Principal's Report—Mark presented a two page report which will be posted in full alongside these minutes. Please note the scheduled community workdays listed for sprucing up the school before start of classes—Sat. Aug 1 and 8.

Superintendent's Report: Martha said that technology updating is the focus in the Supervisory Union. A technical consultant will be hired to assess the needs of each School District, and to streamline and coordinate technology between the districts and the CCSU. Federal stimulus money is available for this project.

Financial: None

Old Business: The Volunteer Policy will be updated for approval by the August meeting.

Food Service: The Abbey Group responded with a preliminary plan for the school lunch program. They proposed a cost reduction of about \$19,000 dollars. This is achieved by a \$5,000 cut in food costs and a \$14,000 reduction by cutting Alice's pay by 36% and eliminating all of her benefits. Their initial proposal will be investigated further. Alice's contract continues through this school year.

New Business: Strategic Planning—The Board will seek a neutral facilitator to initiate a 5 year Strategic Plan for school improvement using input from the Board, Principal, public, and the teaching staff. The Strategic Plan will be adopted for the 2010-2011 school year. Wynne moved to start the Strategic Planning process in August—approved unanimously. Board Retreat: On August 12 from 8 to 12 a.m. at Wynne's house the Board, Martha and Mark will hold a retreat to discuss the Strategic Plan process, goals for the year, and to bring newcomers Dave and Mark up to speed on school and CCSU processes. No actions are taken at this retreat.

Other Business: The Board authorized Dave Stauffer to be their representative to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Future Agenda: Strategic Plan, Volunteer Policy adoption, Action Plan review.

Executive Session: Entered at 7:40. Agenda: Legal matter, Real Estate, Negotiations.

Executive Session Exited at 8:20. Actions taken—Legal Matter—The Superintendent will reply in writing regarding the legal matter. Real Estate—The Board approved the draft of the Observatory Warranty Deed. The Warranty Deed and Purchase Contract will be signed very shortly. This will transfer the subdivided school land to the NKAF. The sale does not grant any right-of ways over school property to the NKAF lands. Negotiations—no action taken.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20

The August 10 School Board Meeting is Cancelled with the option of rescheduling it to August 24.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Stauffer