

## PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 23, 2009

### Approved Minutes

Present: Board—Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne, David Stauffer; Superintendent Martha Tucker; Principal Mark Peabody; Business Manager Rob Billings; Accountant Jan Ouellette; Tech Auditor Phil Hyjek; Public—None

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 by Jo Anne Post.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of Nov. 9 approved as amended.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mark presented his report on recent grants received and proposed grants pending.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: No new updates.

FINANCIAL: Rob expects the State to raise the base education tax rate a few cents due to the current economic troubles which may also force the reduction of Small School Grants across the state. The School budget will be updated every month as more figures and information arrive.

OLD BUSINESS: Vermont native Laura Turner of Bakersfield, Vt. accepted the Music Teacher job offer. Her .2 position begins Dec. 1, 2009. The overall Education Program was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Tech Auditor Phil Hyjek reviewed his findings for the school. He recommends increased band-width, the use of internet based applications not tied to a server and "cloud computing". Our Apple computers are aged and expensive to maintain. A switch to PC's is recommended. NetBooks will be purchased for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers will receive laptops. One 'whiteboard' will be slated for the 5—6 grades. The Technology Audit will be reviewed for approval at the Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Audit is available for viewing at the school and is considered tentative until approved by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS: Wynne moved to appoint Dave Stauffer as School Board representative to the Vermont Environmental Court concerning the appeal of the NEK Astronomy Foundation's Conditional Use Permit by several Peacham residents. Jo Anne seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet Dec. 2 to set subcommittees, establish a survey and review the Forum results. The next CCSU meeting will be at Walden School on Dec. 17, at 6PM. The Vermont Commissioner of Education, Armando Vilaseca, will be talking and taking questions about the future of Vermont schools, especially the small ones.

FUTURE AGENDA: Budget, Technology Audit, Strategic Plan, Negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Entered at 9:02. Topic—Negotiations. Exited at 9:29. Motion taken—none. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

DECEMBER 14—SCHOOL BOARD MEETING; DECEMBER 17—CCSU MTG.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Stauffer