

PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
September 14, 20  
Unapproved Minutes

Present: Board—Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne, David Stauffer; Superintendent Martha Tucker; Business Manager Rob Billings; Public—Judy Chypre, Christine Hunt. Principal Mark Peabody.

Call to Order: 6:05 by Jo Anne Post

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of July 13, 2009 approved as written.

Public Input: Judy suggested the report from The Abbey Group concerning school lunch privatization be distributed to the Board members for quicker review and early decision.

Principal's Report: Mark asked the Board to outline what types of info are needed in his monthly Principals Report. September's report was handed out.

Superintendent's Report: Martha's current areas of work include negotiations, the new budget, Strategic Planning, technology upgrades using Stimulus money, planning for H1N1 virus contingencies with the school nurse and a liaison person from the Vt. Dept. of Health. Vaccines may be available at a central location for students relatively soon. Details to follow.

Financial: Fiscal Year ending 2009 had a deficit of approx. \$30,000 due mostly to an unexpected increase of tuitioned students. Planning for the 2010 school budget will begin in Oct. after the tuitioned student numbers and new tax rates are known.

Old Business: The Volunteer and Work Study Students Policy was presented. Wynne moved to pass the policy, Dave seconded and the Board voted unanimously to accept the policy. Observatory update: The NKAF will pay for all parking lot lighting needed to service the Observatory and the parking lot. A protocol will be developed for scheduling and notification of concurrent school-observatory events. School functions and use of parking lot will take precedence over Observatory events. Access for students to the Observatory will NOT cross the Davis right-of-way or any electrical fencing present. The Principal will consult with the NKAF. A letter will be sent to the NKAF, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Wes Davis outlining the School's desire to address and fulfill all parties' needs and concerns.

Action Plan: Dave moved to approve the Action Plan. Wynne seconded and it was unanimously passed. The asbestos test report showed no asbestos detected in the five asbestos tile containing areas. Report available.

New Business: A Steering Committee for the 5-Year Strategic Plan is being formed. Volunteers are asked to contact the Board or the Principal. Four meetings will be held in the next five weeks leading to a public forum hosted by Winton Goodrich Nov. 4. You need not be a parent of a current student; we are looking for those with an interest in improving our school in anyway possible to guide us in the next five years. Tell us your thoughts on curriculum, finances, community outreach, innovative projects and techniques etc. This is a citizen committee, not a school teacher, Principal, or School Board entity. Parents of young children not in school yet should be especially interested in developing the plan for the next five years.

Other Business: Mark will be attending a seminar in Montpelier for grant writing.

Future Agenda: Beginning of new budget information, Technology assessment info from consultant Phil Hyjek, H1N1 report.

Executive Session: Entered at 8:45. Topic—Negotiations.

Exited at 9:40. No Action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Stauffer