

PEACHAM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2010

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Board—JoAnne Post, Wynne Browne, David Stauffer; Superintendent—Martha Tucker; Principal Mark Peabody. Public—Teachers, parents, and students involved in presentations and public comment.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04

6TH GRADE PRESENTATIONS: Allie Peck gave a video presentation about horse rescue; Devin Bell talked about the science of pulleys and their uses; James Heroux discussed Bioluminescence (cold chemical light) that occurs in nature. Thank you kids for your work in educating (us).

PRINCIPAL SEARCH PROCESS: Bill Marshall stated the finalist will be offered a contract the week of May 24. Candidates (2 or 3) will visit the school the week of May 17 to meet the teachers, parents and public. TBA. The Board will conduct final interviews on May 25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Entered at 7:02. Topic Personnel—Principal Search
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Exited at 7:48. Action taken—None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 4/07 approved as amended. Minutes of 4/12 approved as written.

PUBLIC INPUT: Wendy MacKenzie voiced strong disapproval of the slow response to her letter of complaint given to Martha Tucker on March 17, and the lack of follow up to subsequent letters. She also asked why as a volunteer to serve on the principal selection committee, she was not selected when another parent dropped out and no other replacement was named.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mark presented the Farm to School Grant Action Plan and the 2010—2011 school calendar. The sixth grade overnight trip to the Boston Aquarium was awesome—with the class getting special treatment and being allowed to sleep overnight in the aquarium itself (not in the water).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: None

FINANCIAL: Fiscal 2010 budget currently shows a \$9,000 deficit. Rob will attend the June meeting with final figures for the current school budget, and any legislative actions that may have been passed in the meantime.

OLD BUSINESS: The Tech Implementation Plan will be up for approval at the June meeting, and the Strategic Plan Long Range Goals will be adopted then also.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave presented a Utility Easement request from Green MT. Power to install power poles to the Observatory along the school's property line. Green Mt. would install LED parking lot lights on the poles for free with the school paying a nominal monthly usage charge. Action will be taken pending legal review of the document. Dave also presented the Farmer's Market request to borrow two of the school's picnic tables for the duration of the market to be held on the Academy Green in the Village. Details will be worked out between the Principal and Diana Senturia of the Farmer's Market. The Board gave its approval to the lending of the tables.

OTHER BUSINESS: The 2010—2011 Calendar was reviewed and approved.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Tech Plan, Strategic Goals, Policy Review, Legislative Review, Year end Financials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Entered at 9:47. Topic Personnel and negotiations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Exited at 10:28. Action taken—Martha will write a letter to the Peacham Education Assoc. regarding a grievance filed.

ADJOURNED: 10:30.

NEXT MEETING: June 14, 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Stauffer