

Board of Education Minutes
September 10, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia (7:08 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairman McCord called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – None.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mrs. Wilkison told the Board that Open House is tomorrow. On the 14th is the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner and Mr. Noonan is putting together a program. She elaborated. There was comment. Open House is 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. with the math presentation beginning at 5:40 p.m. Mrs. St. Germain said the NEASC visiting committee has been put together. She reviewed the latest sports activities. Mr. Chaney shared the 8th grade CMT results and the grade 10 CAPT results. Mr. Chaney spoke of the Open House that was held last week. There were questions regarding the testing results. There was discussion. Mrs. Wilkison said she would get the fifth grade results to the Board.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – June 25, 2014 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted five in favor and one abstention to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting. Mr. Karpinski abstained.

August 13, 2014 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted five in favor and one abstention to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting. Mrs. Wagner abstained.

August 27, 2014 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting.
- b. Correspondence – Correspondence was received from the yearbook committee regarding the ad. The money is due by November 20th.
- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said all staff members have been hired.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero spoke of the trainer. The attorney drew up a contract. A meeting was set up with the physical therapy company. He said Katherine Lewis was hired by the firm and she will be Wheeler’s trainer. He elaborated and had further comment. He spoke of air quality testing and elaborated. This will be done in the winter. He elaborated. Mr. Nero said the Board of Selectmen approved the van purchase and it is going to the Board of Finance. He had comment. Mr. Nero spoke of NEASC and told the Board he met the chairperson. He elaborated. There was discussion. He spoke of the conferences he would like to attend. On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent’s attendance at the NEASC conference and the Florida technology conference.

b. BOE Chairperson – None.

c. Committee Chairperson – Mr. Mathwich said the Student Success Committee did not have a quorum and will push the approval of the policies to the meeting on September 24th. There was discussion. Mrs. Buzzee and Mrs. Wagner will be on the Student Success Committee. Mr. Nero said he spoke to Bob Rader at CAFE and spoke to the person recommended as a mediator. He elaborated. Mrs. Wagner spoke. There was discussion.

d. PSPBC Liaison – Mr. Mathwich said he was not able attend the last meeting. Mrs. Wagner suggested rotating to attend the Board of Selectmen meetings and having one of them attend ours. There was discussion.

9. Finance – None.

10. Old Business – a. School Building Project Update – Mr. McCord said all three Boards met last night and he reviewed what occurred. Board members had comment. Mr. Nero had comment. There was discussion. Mr. McCord spoke of some other town board members being in favor of the high school and middle school renovation and he elaborated. There was comment on going forward with a building project. There was discussion about the scope of the previous projects presented for the referendums. There was comment on a survey. There was further discussion. On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to continue to move forward to present a building project to go to referendum in the future.

b. SEED Plan - Mr. Nero explained there have been some amendments to the plan. The state reviewed the plan and there will be a few more tweaks to it. He said the State’s flexibility option ended up mirroring our plan. He had further comment. Mrs. Wagner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve the amendments to the SEED plan. Mr. Nero explained that this was put together by the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

11. New Business – a. Board of Education Policies – Put on the agenda for September 24th.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – September 24th is the next meeting with the new teacher reception being held on September 24th also. The first meeting in October will be the 8th.

b. Committee Action List – The Student Success Committee will meet on September 24th ahead of the regular meeting. The Facilities and Finance Committee will also meet.

13. Public Comment – A citizen asked a question about the building project and who they would go to with suggestions, etc. He elaborated. He spoke of the concussion issue and had a question. There was discussion.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Strategy for Collective Bargaining – On a motion by Mrs. Karpinski, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the Purpose of Strategy for Collective Bargaining and to invite Mrs. Allen into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mendolia, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education