

TOWN OF GUILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2009

Present: Kevin Freitas, Arthur Pettee, Timm Harris, Carole Mills, Ron Stahley – WSESU Superintendent

Absent: Lisa Ford, John Gagnon – GCS Principal

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 – Kevin Freitas, Board Chair
- II. REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA BY CHAIRPERSON
 - A. Move NEW BUSINESS to after ADMIN. REPORTS
- III. CLERK’S REPORT
 - A. Approval of minutes – Carole motioned to accept minutes from 7-30-09 as written, Arthur 2nd, vote – unanimous
- IV. RECOGNITION OF GROUPS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS
 - A. From Emergency Management District – Herb & Madeline Meyer
 - B. Parent – Alice Revis
- V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
 - A. Ron’s Superintendent’s report
 1. From Jim Kane – clarification on district treasurer duties via response to Reformer letter to the editor.
 2. Report on 9 GCS students who participated in a middle school leadership retreat. Will follow thru with action steps for within the school & district in the fall.
 3. Flyer from Public Assets Institute on program to be held 8-27-09 at Brooks Memorial Library on “Vermont School Funding: What’s Ahead?”
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Emergency Management District request to ask 8th grade GCS students if they would be interested in being involved with the EMD as part of their volunteer requirements. Kevin recommended Herb speak with John. Board supports the EMD’s initiative.
 - B. Goals follow up – wait till full board
 - C. Listening Project – Timm reported that they provide perspective on needs of children at or perceived to be at risk. Ron – The LP will be addressing the entire WSESU staff at the opening district meeting on 8-28 at the BUHS auditorium. Board members encouraged to attend. A report is due at the end of the summer.
 - D. Policy Reviews;
 - F1 Student Behavior – revised – 1st Reading
 - F25 Student attendance – revised – 1st Reading
 - F29 Limited English proficiency – revised – 1st Reading

VII. FINANCE

- A. Approval of warrants
 - #1006 in the amount of \$ 34,027.75
 - #1007 in the amount of \$ 4,399.13
- Arthur moved to approve warrant, Timm 2nd, vote – unanimous

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. District school treasurer duties – roll over for full board

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Ron requests 2, Kevin 1

- A. Arthur moved to enter into ES at 7:13 inviting Ron for personnel matter, out 7:23.
Action taken: Carole motion to direct Principal to decide on use of personal days based on specific circumstances & negotiate agreement between GSB & bus drivers.
- B. Arthur moved to enter ES at 7:27 inviting Ron for contractual matter, out 7:43.
WSESU board meeting on Wed., 9-2-09 will meet to ratify a one year settlement with teachers. Action – Timm recommends that the GSB accept Ron's advice on compensation for Principal, K 2nd – vote – unanimous
- C. Arthur moved to enter into ES at 7:50 on legal matter, Ron invited in. Out 7:55. No action taken

IX. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. School treasurer
- B. Goals
- C. Policy Reviews