

November 17, 2011

Regular School Board Meeting  
Westmoreland School

Attending:

Justine Fletcher, Chairperson  
Kurt Martin, Board Member  
Debra Hunter, Board Member  
Stuart Adams, Board Member  
Michael Acerno, Board Member  
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools  
Timothy Ruehr, Business Manager, Towns  
Mark Hayward, Principal  
Debra J. Nelson, Recording Secretary

Attending for a portion of meeting

Michele Prock  
Anne Chamberlin  
Kristen Chamberlin  
Gretchen Nadeau  
Jane Edmonds  
Lisa O'Neil  
Dan Shelley

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- II. Public Input: Mrs. Kristen Chamberlin and other visitors were in to follow up on the letter she submitted in September in support of expansion of the PE/Health curriculum. They would like to see funds allocated during the budget process for this to happen for the 2012-2013 school year. With the explosion of childhood obesity this would help implement health and wellness for students. With the understanding that budgets are tight but feels that health and wellness are important to teach the students as a way of life. The group feels that with Mr. Hayward and Mr. Fisk in our building our school is definitely headed in the right direction and would like to keep the momentum going. Parents appreciate the impact they are having on the students. Mr. Acerno noted that parent support at the Budget Hearing and District Meeting would be important. It was noted that the voters decide the bottom line of the budget and the Board expends the budget. The Board thanked all the parents for their input and for attending the meeting.
- III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Acerno to accept the minutes of October 20, 2011 as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Hunter, a vote of 5-0 the motion passed.

- IV. Bills and Manifest: A motion by Mr. Martin to accept the bills and manifest check numbers 8003941-8003980 in the amount of \$105,984.62, seconded by Mr. Acerno a vote of 5-0 the motion passed.
- V. Financial Report:
  - a. Mr. Ruehr passed a budget status report to all Board Members showing a balance of (\$66,908) and explained each line item change.
  - b. Facilities Committee: Mr. Adams updated Board Members on recent furnace repairs. Fabis Construction will be working over the Thanksgiving break to repair the emergency exit door in the science room. The proposal for 2012-2013 year includes the repair of the two north side emergency exit doors, more work on the alarm/camera system. Discussion regarding the purchase of a floor cleaning machine for next year as well. The parking lot is on the list as it will need attention soon for resurfacing.
  - c. Soccer Field Vandalism: Has subsided recently. PSNH has been here to trim the trees around the outside lighting.
- VI. Reports
  - a. Principals: Written report in packets this evening. Mr. Hayward stated that wood chips have been purchased and spread to get us through the winter, more to come in the spring. The October "Top Dog" luncheon was held today and went very well a good time was had by all. Thanksgiving lunch/celebration tomorrow afternoon. Common Assessments were given to each grade/subject level at the last staff meeting. Mr. Hayward and Mrs. Royce attended NWEA data training recently. The mail program with Mrs. Inzer to start soon. The Harlem Superstars will be here next Tuesday for an assembly and then Mr. Hayward and Mr. Fisk will be participating in a basketball game against them at KHS that evening. The Board commended Mr. Hayward on the nice article that was in the Sentinel about him on Sunday November 13, 2011. The Board has received a lot of positive feedback from Staff, Parents and Students for having Mr. Hayward here.
  - b. Co-Superintendent: Two Westmoreland KHS students have missed more than five days. Mr. Woolridge distributed a copy of his recent blog to all Board Members. Discussion ensued regarding the KHS possible modification of Block Scheduling. The opening of the auditorium at KMS will be delayed until early spring. Mr. Woolridge noted the continued discussion of the downsizing of the five elementary schools in Keene. Sullivan School District is considering joining with the Nelson School District due to their declining enrollments. New Hampshire did very well on the NEAP testing for grades 4 and 8 last spring. The state has some revenue shortfalls more information to come.
  - c. SAU 29 Committees: Mrs. Fletcher attended the Advisory Committee meeting and there is talk of revamping the Superintendent Evaluation process. Mr.

Woolridge explained the past practice to all Board Members. Mr. Acerno attended a Budget Committee meeting and the process is ongoing.

- d. PTA: Mrs. Hunter reports that Jerry's T's sales have wrapped up and it didn't bring in as much profit as hoped. Raffle tickets are out and sales have begun, drawing to be held at the Holiday concert. Book-fair will run from December 5<sup>th</sup>-December 9<sup>th</sup> and the annual craft night will be held in December.
- VII. Old Business:
- a. PE/Health Position: Mr. Hayward will check into the budget, scheduling and responsibilities impact for 2012-2013.
  - b. Blizzard Bags: Was on a recent staff meeting agenda. The staff is checking with Kearsarge School District who has implemented this policy to see if it was successful. It is felt by the Board and Staff that this program would take a lot of investigating and planning to make it work for all parties involved. Short discussion-subject tabled until staff comes forward with a proposal.
  - c. Other: None
- VIII. New Business
- a. Vision 20/20-Mrs. Hunter explained this initiative and Mr. Hayward noted that he is already a "20/20 Champion" and will pass along this information to the staff to try and get 100% participation in the program and then begin to get students on board as well.
  - b. Letter: Mr. Acerno read a letter received from Mrs. Wendy Acerno and Nancy Newton thanking Principal Hayward for his dedication, enthusiasm and support of the Bell program.
- IX. Future Agendas
- a. January-Status of Westmoreland Students at KHS
  - b. Budget
  - c. Health/PE Curriculum and position
- X. Public Input II: None
- XI. Non-Public Session-RSA 91 A:3: Mr. Acerno made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to move to Non-Public Session-RSA 91 A:3, seconded by Mr. Adams, a vote of 5-0 the motion passes. Accompanying the Board Members was Mr. Woolridge and Mr. Hayward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra J. Nelson  
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: 12/15/11