



The Pomfret School

CHALLENGING THE MIND ★ ENCOURAGING THE HEART

Pomfret School Board Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2009– 5:30 PM
MINUTES

Present:

Pomfret School Principal: Lynn McMorris
WCSU Representative: Tom DeBalsi
School Board: Kevin Lessard, Greg Greene, Christine Pilot
Faculty Representatives: Jean Souter
Visitors: Bob Crean, Dawn Barclay

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m by Tom DeBalsi

I. Election of Officers:

Motion: To Nominate Kevin Lessard to the position of School Board Chair

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Accepted: Unanimous

Motion: To Nominate Greg Greene to the position of School Board Vice-Chair

Moved: Kevin Lessard

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Accepted: Unanimous

Motion: To Nominate Christine Pilot to the position of School Board Clerk

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Kevin Lessard

Accepted: Unanimous

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion: To accept the minutes of the February 9th, 2009 Board Meetings.

Moved: Kevin Lessard

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Accepted: Unanimous

III. Visitors:

Dawn Barclay presented her research into the feasibility of a Pre-School program at the Pomfret School. The board thanks Dawn for her assistance helping to identify the interest, issues, costs, and challenges this program presents.

IV. Correspondence:

Kevin has received an email from Norman Etkind -Energy Management Program Director at the Vermont Superintendents Association suggesting there may be funds available for energy efficiency related projects.

V. Reports:

Principal:

Our in-service day on March 2 was very productive. The first part of the day we took time to share how we are using technology in curriculum and instruction. Each of us reported on using technology for formative assessment. A large chunk of the day we used to review and analyze the NECAP scores. We noticed those children who were below proficient had increased their score between 5 and 11 points. We also spent time looking at the release tasks from the NECAP and analyzing the reasons students may have gotten the answer wrong.

Chess Club began today. Sarah has organized it with parents providing snacks. There are 45 students participating.

Our Open House is coming up on March 25

The first fund raiser for the Tom Stone Afghanistan School, the 5th grade's spaghetti lunch was a great success. Bill had purchased the supplies and organized his students into a finely honed working group. Thanks to Pam Lessard for getting the brownies made and to Judi Greene, Lisa Usilton, Angela Burrington, and Barb Tracey for assisting in the kitchen. The fifth grade raised \$262

I now have eight Kindergarteners on my list for 2009-2010.

The leadership team will be helping with the Special Olympics on March 18.

Board Members:

Kevin will be getting an update from Jay Tracey on the status of the Air Handling systems, and any outstanding work to be done.

VI. Action:

Motion: To appoint staff for the 2009-2010 as presented, pending clarification of posting of the Secretary position.

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Abstained: Kevin Lessard

VII. Executive Session:

Motion: To enter Executive session at 7:20

Moved: Kevin Lessard

Seconded: Greg Greene

Invited: Lynn McMorris and Tom Debalsi

Motion: To Leave Executive Session at 7:40

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Kevin Lessard

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting:

- Pomfret School Board, Monday, April 13th, 5:30 p.m, Pomfret School Library

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Greene