



The Pomfret School

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**Pomfret School Board Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2009 – 5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Present:

Pomfret School Principal: Lynn McMorris
WCSU Representative: Meg Gallagher
School Board: Kevin Lessard, Greg Greene, Christine Pilot
Faculty Representatives: Sarah Woodhead
Visitors: Bob Crean

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Kevin Lessard.

I. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion: Minutes from April 15, 2009 to be accepted at the June 8 meeting due to a requested change.

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Accepted: Unanimous

II. Reports & Correspondence:

Principal:

We're nearing the home stretch and our calendars are full of end of the year study trips, project completions, performances, and assessments.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grades have been taking the measured academic progress or MAP assessments in math, reading, and language. Preliminary results indicate substantial improvements in all three skill areas. In two weeks the 4th grade will be given the New England Common Assessment in Science. This will be administered for approximately one hour each day for three days.

The 6th grade is off for the week at Nature's Classroom in Maine with all the other 6th grades from our supervisory union.

Kindergarten registration is Tuesday, May 12. Our adjusted enrollment figure is 10 including the tuition student from Bridgewater.

Our Spring Program is Wednesday May 20 at 5:30 pm.

On May 22, at 11 am, Jonathan Hoffman from Direct Aide International will be here to do a presentation on the Afghanistan School Projects and to accept our check for \$1,247.26 for the Tom Stone School.

Also on May 22 we will have our Memorial Day Observance at 2 pm coordinated by the Leadership Team.

Our Chess Team will be travelling to Barnard on May 26 for a tournament with Barnard and Bethel.

The 6th grade poetry recital is set for May 27, at 7:30 pm, in the North Pomfret Congregational Church.

May 28 the 4th grade goes to Fort Tl.

May 29 Grades 1-4 will travel to Briggs Opera house to see Black Beauty.

The annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is June 4.

Step-Up Hike is June 5.

June 11 6th grade graduation will be held at 6 pm.

Our final day of school is June 15 with dismissal at 11:30 am.

The library renovations will occur over the summer. Kevin Lessard expressed a need to see construction drawings for Board approval prior to the commencement of construction.

Part of the proposed renovation requires removal of the card catalogue that is no longer utilized. If there is not a need within the Pomfret School, the Albert Bridge School, Brownsville, VT, is interested in obtaining. A suggested sum of \$100 was made.

The new Administrative Assistant position will be held by Pam Lessard for the 2009-2010 school year.

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Abstained from the discussion and vote: Kevin Lessard.

Kathryn Herlihy's letter of resignation as the school counselor has been received.

Faculty:

Sarah Woodhead requested approval for a second garden plot to be added by the playground area where the students would grow pumpkins and squash optimistically for the Food Shelf, Harvest Supper and the Tunbridge fair.

Moved: Kevin Lessard

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Accepted: Unanimous

Board Members:

Greg Greene gave an update on the ongoing issues with Control Technologies regarding the air handling system(s).

Residency of students at the Pomfret School was discussed and the correct protocol to follow in the event of any questions that may arise before and/or during the school year.

Christine Pilot updated the board on having Chippers grind up the old stumps in front of the parking area and planting 4-5 maple trees.

Kevin Lessard gave an update of the roof. Five estimates were received with job to be awarded on Friday, May 15. Based on the received roofing estimates a decision on how to proceed with the air handling system proposal was tabled until the June 8 meeting.

IV: Action Discussions:

Meg Gallagher discussed the new sex regulation policy warned in the April 15 meeting. All voted in favor of adopting at 6:45 pm.

Lynn asked for approval to extend the Early Essential Aid program into the summer for a Triple-A student.

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Accepted: Unanimous

V. Executive Session:

Motion: To enter Executive session at 6:20 pm to discuss academic records, suspension or discipline of students.

Moved: Kevin Lessard

Seconded: Greg Greene

Invited: Lynn McMorris and Sarah Woodhead

A motion was made to award two scholarships, the Keith Education Trust and the Mabel Vaughn Education Trust, to three former Pomfret students graduating with the Woodstock Class of 2009.

Motion: To leave Executive Session

Moved: Greg Greene

Seconded: Christine Pilot

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting:

- Pomfret School Board, Monday, June 8 at 5:30 pm, Pomfret School Library

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Pilot