

Shaker Regional School Board
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

School Board: Chair Diane O’Hara; Roy Roberts, Heidi Hutchinson, Sumner Dole, Tom Goulette, Pret Tuthill, Sean Embree; Student Representative: Michael Farkas

Administration: Superintendent Mike Cozort; Business Administrator Debbie Gay, Director of Building & Grounds: Doug Ellis; Principals: Emily Spear, Mary Morrison, Aaron Pope, Russ Holden

Town Officials: Candace Daigle, Jeanne Beaudin, Ron Cormier, Peter Harris, Ward Peterson, David Morse

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

School Board Chair Diane O’Hara called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

MEET WITH BELMONT MUNICIPAL LEADERS

Diane welcomed the Belmont Municipal Leaders to the meeting and introductions were made. Candace distributed “Timely Reminders” which outlines information about Belmont and contact information, updated street maps, and the Belmont Land Use Office report. Candace noted that the Granite State Campground, which is listed as a possible redevelopment, has 30 sites but only 11 residents at this time.

Pret asked if there are any projects in the works from the town’s perspective. Ron Cormier said they are planning on maintaining the road reconstruction projects, and have begun discussions regarding a village revitalization project, sidewalks on Church Hill have been discussed, and the CIP meeting is in a few weeks.

Roy asked the status of the Police Resource Officer. He shared that the District is now contributing funds to support having the two officers in our schools and the district is curious as to the commitment of the Town to maintain this program. Mike Cozort said he understands that Officer Marsiello will be graduating soon and will be in the schools, but doesn’t know if he is replacing both Officer Bryant and Officer Sullivan. Jeanne said she is not sure if he is replacing both, but will find out and let Mike know.

Ron asked if the Board has any plans for the upcoming budget cycle. Pret said the Facility & Grounds Committee will be asking to go forward with an RFP for the BES Sprinkler System, but the Expendable Trust may have enough to cover that cost.

Mike said the October 1st enrollments are the “official” numbers and he will get a copy of that report to Jeanne as well as the 2010-2011 Budget Development Calendar.

The Board thanked the town for the grant funding toward the Fiberoptic networking.

Jeanne reported that municipal administrators are having discussions about cooperative purchasing. The next meeting is Thursday, October 1st at the Laconia County Complex.

The Board thanked the Belmont Officials for attending.

MUNITES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Debbie Gay reported the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year ended with a \$991,000 fund balance. Debbie also reported that the Department of Education has not released the state funded numbers to the Department of Revenue Administration yet, so the tax rate setting dates cannot be scheduled and tax rates cannot be set yet.

Debbie said the Department of Education did release the Catastrophic Aid memo and funding amounts, however Shaker was not reported on that list and our Catastrophic Aid amount, based on the formula, should be around \$128,000. The DoE has been notified, but a new report has not been released.

ACCEPT ING UNSUNG HEROES GRANT

Mike noted that the ING Unsung Heroes Grant was reported at the previous Board Meeting but the Board must take action to accept the grant funds.

A motion was made by Pret, and seconded by Roy, to accept the ING Unsung Heroes Grant. The motion passed.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Pret reviewed the Building & Grounds memo dated September 21, 2009 regarding the Energy Audit.

A motion was made by Pret, and seconded by Tom, to contract with McCormick Facilities Management at \$25,231 to complete the Energy Audit, with the funding to come from the \$8,928 reserve and the balance from the General Fund. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Pret, and seconded by Tom, to transfer \$16,303 from the Insurance Account in the General Fund to cover the McCormick Facilities Management Energy Audit. The motion passed.

Pret reported the Building & Grounds Committee would like the authority to distribute an RFP for the design of sprinkler system for Belmont Elementary School. Pret noted the committee is expecting to fund this project with the funds in the expendable trust.

Tom asked if the addition of a sprinkler system will have an impact on the insurance. Debbie said she will find out. Tom asked if the system will be stubbed out for any new front entrance. Doug said he would have that included in the design.

A motion was made by Pret, and seconded by Sumner, to authorize administration to solicit bids for a sprinkler system at Belmont Elementary School with anticipated funding from the Building & Grounds Expendable Trust Fund. Sumner said the cost of containers will need to be factored into the cost of the project. Doug noted that he will also have to replace most of the ceiling tiles. The motion passed.

Pret reviewed the Building & Grounds memo dated September 11, 2009 regarding the BMS Roof.

A motion was made by Pret, and seconded by Roy, to transfer \$6,600 from the Worker's Compensation accounts in the General Fund to cover the Belmont Middle School roof repair. The motion passed.

ON THE HORIZON

Mike reported that the NECAP Science Test Scores are in and will be reported on at the October 8th meeting. The Guidance Report and Winter Sports will also be on the agenda for October 8th.

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2 The Canterbury Town Officials will be invited to the October 22, 2009 meeting.

3 RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY NHSBA

4 Mike said the NHSBA is interested in any resolutions that school boards would like considered.

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6 OTHER

7 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

8 Diane O'Hara has adjusted some of the committee assignments, and the revised assignments were
9 distributed.

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11 WALK-ABOUT

12 Pret noted that a Walk-About has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th beginning at 8:00 am at
13 Canterbury Elementary School. All Board Members are welcome.

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15 SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

16 Diane reminded the board that the meeting with Ted Comstock from New Hampshire School Boards
17 Association to review the Superintendent Search Process is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00
18 p.m. Debbie will post the meeting.

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20 Debbie will schedule a meeting with Mark Joyce from New Hampshire School Administrators
21 Association, to discuss the search process as well.

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23 A motion was made by Roy, and seconded by Pret, to enter non-public session, in accordance with RSA
24 91-A:3; II(b)(c). By unanimous roll call vote (7 yeah, 0 nay), the Board entered into non-public session.

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30 Debbie D. Gay
31 Clerk pro temp

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