

1 Irma Robinson from Belmont asked how long the contract was with our last
2 Superintendent, Mark Blount. Pret said it was a two year contract and there was a
3 separation agreement that he would be paid through to the end of 2011. Irma also asked
4 if the public could be told why he left early. Pret said that the newspaper had explained
5 the reasoning.
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7 Michelle Saia of Belmont added her opinion of how she feels the middle school is
8 running. Pret stated that he was trying to formulate a question to be used in the
9 Superintendent Search interview from her statements. He felt a question should be
10 centered around looking for a Superintendent that had an understanding of the
11 developmental level of children in the elementary, middle and high school and to assist in
12 implementing them.
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14 Aaron Pope offered to meet with Michelle to discuss her concerns regarding the middle
15 school at a later date. Tonight's meeting is to have public input on the Superintendent
16 Search.
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18 Gerri Ryder of Belmont stated that some consideration should be given to offering a one
19 year contract to the new Superintendent. Pret said the Board has not discussed that, but it
20 is a good suggestion. There was some discussion about the length of a contract for a
21 Superintendent.
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23 Rae Lipshultz of Canterbury said that she would like to have a Superintendent that is
24 accessible; which could be directly connected to Mr. Cozort who made every effort to be
25 available and involved in the District.
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27 Donna Iacopucci added that she would like someone who works on the key areas of
28 communication. Who has a balance between the community and the schools, someone
29 who represents all of us. That person needs to demonstrate leadership. The previous
30 Superintendent missed all of the opportunities for this. It is the little things that count.
31 She gave the example of hearing the Superintendent's voice on the morning call that is
32 delaying school or canceling, due to weather.
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34 Gerri Ryder of Belmont and a teacher at BES, stated that Mr. Cozort was a great coach to
35 the staff. He would tell you when you did well, but also help when you did not do so
36 well. You would feel like a part of a team with the parents, students and faculty. A good
37 leader wants you to succeed and that is what she would like to find in this search.
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39 Donna Iacopucci asked if it was possible to have Mr. Cozort involved in this search. Pret
40 said that it could be quite awkward if Mr. Cozort were directly involved. Donna
41 suggested that he be involved after the 3 finalists were chosen. Pret feels it would not be
42 a good idea.
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44 Pret said that Tom Haley is the facilitator for the Superintendent Search. The two forums
45 were held last night and tonight, to help develop the interview process. Tom added that
46 there are several other towns in NH looking for a new Superintendent at this time. It was

1 also suggested to extend our interim Superintendent, if we do not find a qualified
2 candidate at this time. The District does not want to hire someone that they are not happy
3 with. Sean Embree stated that the District is not willing to settle.

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5 Lori Gardiner asked why the Superintendent would not start until July. It was explained
6 that they will probably be leaving another position to come to our District, so that would
7 only be fair to have them begin in July.

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9 ***Without any other questions, Chairman, Pret Tuthill adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.***

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11 Respectfully Submitted,

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14 Stacy S. Kruger
15 School District Clerk