

October 10, 2007

## TAMWORTH SCHOOL BOARD

### **1. Call to Order**

A meeting of the Tamworth School Board was held at the Kenneth A. Brett School on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 5:35PM. The meeting was called to order by Lisa Remick. Present were Brenda Robinson, Sue Creswell, Dana Littlefield, Laura Pike, Gwen Poirier, Pat Kehoe, Noel DeSousa and Donna Ulitz.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Brenda Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Laura Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **3. Approval of Minutes (September 12, 2007)**

Brenda Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2007 as presented. Laura Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **4. Junior National Youth Leadership Recipients**

Students Kayla Sulewski, Silas Berrier and Hannah Hounsell presented to the board a recap of their trip to the JrNYLC in July, 2007. The student's presented a Power Point which showed some of the highlights of the trip. The students thanked their parents and the school board for their support which made the trip possible.

### **5. Director of Special Services Update**

Pat Kehoe updated the Board on Special Education enrollment and Out of District Special Education placements. Ms. Kehoe commended Kerry Dubuque for completing the Alternative Assessment of the NECAP tests for two students who passed with proficiency.

### **6. Visitor's Comments**

Approximately 10 visitors were present and given the opportunity to address the Board. No comments.

### **7. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Strategic Planning Committee**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The agenda includes reviewing the current year's budget.

### **8. Old Business**

#### **a. School Website Update**

Noel DeSousa, Laura Pike, Dana Littlefield and Charlie McNeveich met recently to discuss the future of the website. The group determined that the following needs to be addressed: restructure of the site, content to be included on the site, function of the site, and who will maintain the site. Dana Littlefield has restructure the site and will have the others review and make suggestions.

**b. School Board Goals 2007-2008**

Brenda Robinson made a motion to approve the School Board Goals for 2007-2008. Laura Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**c. Homework Policy – Final Reading**

Brenda Robinson made a motion to approve the final reading of the Homework Policy as presented. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**9. New Business**

**a. NECAP Presentation**

Dr. Poirier presented the NECAP District Summary to the board as an informational item. Dr. Poirier thanked everyone for the hard work to achieve AYP.

**10. Superintendent's Report**

**a. Expenditure Report**

The expenditure report to date was given to the board for review and discussion.

**b. Curriculum Mapping**

Dr. Poirier showed a Curriculum Mapping presentation addressing the benefits and focus of:

-Where We've Been

-Where We Are

-Where We Are Going

**c. Other**

Dr. Poirier will bring information regarding the NHSBA Delegate Assembly to next month's meeting.

**11. Principal's Report**

**a. Monthly Update**

Mr. DeSousa updated the board on recent and upcoming events, as well as an enrollment update. Mr. DeSousa addressed current class size as relates to state guidelines. He also updated the board on his recent attendance at the Kidder Educational Law Conference.

**12. Visitor's Comments**

Mr. Don Harte asked when the community could expect receiving the results of the PIRC survey and stated the importance of getting this information out to parents who took the time to complete the survey. Mr. DeSousa stated that he had presented the results at a PTA meeting, to the faculty and to the School Board.

Peg DeLong voiced a concern with posting student photos on the website. Dana Littlefield assured her that the webmaster would control all information posted to the site. Mrs. DeLong asked to be given the number and names of professional staff development committees teachers are asked to participate in. She also questioned if Lisa Remick volunteered her time or was paid as the DARE office. Lisa Remick confirmed that she volunteers her time as part of her Federal DEA position.

Mr. Harte stated his concern that the board still does not have a goal to be fiscally responsible.

Mr. Farley asked for clarification of the formula for determining high school tuition, his concern regarding current class size and state averages, and the drop out rate of students from Tamworth.

Mr. Little requested that the Board publish and make available the student achievements and performance of our students at Kennett.

**13. Board Comments**

Laura Pike addressed and clarified her focus as a member on the Tamworth School Board.

**14. Communications**

- a. Commissioner Tracy Memos
- b. Building Steering Committee Minutes

Board members received the communication as informational items.

**15. Non Public Session**

**a. RSA 91-A:3 II a,b,c,d,e**

At 7:29PM, Brenda Robinson made a motion to go into Non-Public Session. Dana Littlefield seconded the motion. At 8:07PM, Laura Pike made a motion to go out of Non-Public Session. Sue Creswell seconded this motion. Motion passed.

**16. Action as a Result of Non Public Session**

**a. Awarding of Snow Plow Bid**

Dana Littlefield made a motion to award the snowplowing bid for 2007-08 to Forst-Trans LLC. Laura Pike seconded the motion. One member abstained. Motion passed.

Other –

Laura Pike made a motion for Dana Littlefield and Brenda Robinson to serve as negotiators for the TEA negotiations. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dana Littlefield made a motion to deny the parent request discussed. Laura Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**17. Personnel**

**a. Resignation – Title I Paraprofessional**

Laura Pike made a motion to accept the resignation of Mary Schmitz-Welch. Sue Creswell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**18. Adjournment**

At 8:15pm, Laura Pike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Creswell seconded this motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Ulitz, Recording Secretary  
*Draft pending Board Approval.*