

November 17, 2011

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
Nelson School District
Nelson School, 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Kelly French, School Board Chair
Mike Cornog, School Board Member
Allison Aldrich, School Board Member
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools
Tim Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns (left at 5:48 p.m.)
Sheila Vara, Principal
Jill Wdowiak, Recording Secretary

Also Present:

Candyce Fulford
Stephanie Jacques Kleine
Chris Pratt
J.J. Prior
Malinda Sherpa

1. Call to Order
Ms. French called the Board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. The automatic second will be in effect throughout the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Ms. Aldrich to approve the Board Minutes of October 20, 2011 (R) and October 28, 2011 (Retreat). Mr. Cornog seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.
3. Hearings of Individuals and/or Groups
 - a. Sullivan Options Committee – A list of questions that were asked by the Sullivan Options Committee and answered by the Nelson School Board were distributed. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Sullivan students attending Nelson School. Mr. Pratt informed the Board that the earliest they could possibly come is the fall of 2013. He explained that they are hoping to get a vote from the town first.
 - b. Candyce Fulford explained to the Board that she would like to volunteer to revamp the Nelson School website and because of the opportunity, would charge nothing. She shared that she would be the designer of the website, which it is up to the school to provide the information. Ms. Fulford states that she wants the site to look professional and current and invites the School Board members to have a section on the site. Ms. French cautions to be careful of liability and to be sure there is a release before having any student photos on the website. Ms. French suggests having a demonstration at the December board meeting.

4. Bills and Manifests

A motion was made by Ms. Aldrich to approve the bills and manifests (cks # 6002877-6002918) in the amount of \$48,904.06 and (ck # 6002919) in the amount of \$1,442.40. Ms. French seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

5. Financial Report

Mr. Ruehr presented the Financial Report showing a net available balance of \$49,133.00 as of November 17, 2011. He explained that there was a slight improvement in regular and special instruction.

6. Reports

- a. Principal – Ms. Vara submitted her report and shared with the Board that the staff and students are planning for the annual Thanksgiving Feast that will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd.
- b. Co-Superintendent – Mr. Woolridge updated the Board on legislative issues. He also informed the Board that one 9th grader missed 6 days due to illness and one 11th grader missed 10 days due to illness. Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that KHS would be changing block scheduling this coming fall. He explained that he has been working with Keene and they have come up with a recommendation to move from five elementary schools to four elementary schools, with Jonathan Daniels School being the one to close.
- c. School Board Members – Ms. French discussed looking into grants for a green house and would like to get on the Agricultural Commissions agenda.
- d. S.A.U. 29 Committees – Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that there will be an Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGIA at Keene High School and an SAU Meeting held on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the LGIA at KHS.
- e. Nelson Parent Teacher Organization – Ms. Vara shared that the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 6:45 p.m.
- f. Facilities Committee – None
- g. Technology Committee Update – None

7. Old Business

- a. Retreat Follow Up – Ms. Vara shared that the staff loved the retreat and felt welcomed and grateful to have such a supportive board. Ms. French suggests that Ms. Vara add a “Goal” section to her principal’s report for reviewing and tracking.
- b. Public Forum Planning – Ms. Aldrich shared that the planning has been taking place via e-mail and have been focusing on finding an evening.
- c. Other – None

8. New Business

- a. Blizzard Bags – Report in December
- b. Other - None

9. Future Agenda/s

January – Status of KHS Students

10. Non-Public Session – R.S.A. 91-A:3 - None

A motion was made by Ms. French that the Board move into non-public session at 5:58 p.m. under the provisions of R.S.A. 91-A:3 to discuss tuitions. Ms. Aldrich seconded the motion. Accompanying the Board was Mr. Woolridge, Ms. Vara and Ms. Wdowiak.

The Board returned to open session at 6:05 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Ms. French adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Wdowiak
Recording Secretary