

October 20, 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  
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools  
Tim Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns (left @ 4:32 p.m.)  
Sheila Vara, Principal  
Jill Wdowiak, Recording Secretary

Not Present:

Allison Aldrich, School Board Member

**3:00 p.m. - Grade 7 Students Report to Board – Please see attached notes.**

1. Call to Order

Ms. French called the Board meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The automatic second will be in effect throughout the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Cornog to approve the Board Minutes of September 22, 2011 (R). Ms. French seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

3. Hearings of Individuals and/or Groups

None

4. Bills and Manifests

A motion was made by Mr. Cornog to approve the bills and manifests (cks # 6002843-6002876) in the amount of \$48,418.46. 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 \$30,691.00 as of October 20, 2011. He explained that this report shows revenues, salaries & benefits and tuitions that we know about.

Tuition Rates - Mr. Ruehr presented the Town Tuition Report that reflects a rate of \$25,178.00; which is based on Elementary (K-6 grades) 2011-2012 Budget. A motion was made by Mr. Cornog to approve Nelson's tuition rate of \$25,178.00. Ms. French seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

6. Reports

- a. Principal – Ms. Vara submitted her report and shared with the Board that Open House went very well and we had a great turnout. She also informed the Board that Cheshire Smiles came to the school and delivered cleaning services to four families. Ms. Vara shared that the partnership between Apple Hill and Nelson School began its second year. She also informed the Board that current enrollment is 25 students, which is the same number of students that were in attendance in October 2010.
- b. Co-Superintendent – Mr. Woolridge distributed his blog and updated the Board on legislative issues. He also shared that two students missed five or more days from Keene High School; one student was ill for 10 days and one student was suspended for four days and truant for 8 days. Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that Keene High Schools science scores are up 14%; which is one of the highest gains in the state.
- c. School Board Members – Mr. Cornog informed the Board that he would not be running for re-election in March. He added that this has been a wonderful experience and he will miss it.

Ms. French reported for Ms. Aldrich and distributed a list of people who are interested in helping with the next forum. She explained that we would need to talk about what the next step will be, what other options are there to explore and how these folks can help.

Ms. French reported that she attended the AREA meeting on Monday and toured the new middle school.

- d. S.A.U. 29 Committees – Mr. Woolridge informed the Board that the Advisory Committee Meeting would be held on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

- e. Nelson Parent Teacher Organization – Ms. Vara shared that meetings are held on the first Monday of every month.
- f. Facilities Committee – None
- g. Technology Committee Update – Ms. Vara shared that the new Technology Director, Mustafa Zwebti, came out to Nelson and met with the staff and is looking to begin streamlining programs in the SAU.

Discussion ensued regarding blizzard bags and the Board will begin working on a policy.

7. Old Business

- a. Retreat Planning – The last set of goals will be reviewed in order to move forward.
- b. Other - None

8. New Business

- a. Other - None

9. Future Agenda/s

Sullivan Students - Financial  
Blizzard Bags - New Business

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

None

11. Adjournment

Ms. French adjourned the Board Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Wdowiak  
Recording Secretary