

To be voted by the Newington School Board at its next scheduled meeting.

**NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The monthly meeting of the School Board of the Newington School District was held at the Newington Public School on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Helen Maldini, Chairperson
Deirdre Link
Jack Anderson
Administrators: Dr. George A. Cushing, Superintendent
Helen Rist, Principal of Newington Public School

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Maldini opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes: Upon motion duly made by Deirdre Link and seconded by Helen Maldini it was voted to approve the minutes of December 11, 2007 as amended.

Communications:

- a. Letter from J. Hennessey, Academic Coordinator of the World Language Department, Dover High School, commending Cheryl Berman as a guest speaker at the seacoast regional World Language Exchange meeting and workshop.
- b. Letter from David L. Flynn, Director of the Commission, NEASC, commending Mary Lyons for her re-election to a three-year term as a Commissioner.
- c. Correspondence regarding Mary Lyons' workshop of NH School Administrators on Special Education Techniques.
- d. Email from Mr. Sweeney regarding bus transportation that was forwarded to Business Administrator Jim Katkin. Deirdre Link will contact Mr. Sweeney and discuss this matter with him.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Cushing presented the Special Education Report prepared by Director of Pupil Services Mary Lyons; discussed his recent contact with Kent LePage and thanked Mr. LePage for reaching out to SAU 50 over the years. Dr. Cushing would like to recognize and appreciate Mr. LePage's efforts in fostering a good partnership to unite SAU 50 and Portsmouth.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Rist provided an overview of her written report and highlighted the following:

- A. School Initiatives: Follow the Child and Professional Growth
- B. Title V grant application submitted to purchase scanners
- C. Upcoming events:
 - a. Newington reads program – Alumni luncheon in the Spring
 - b. Author, Mike Sullivan to visit on January 17th
 - c. NEASC – January 18th
 - d. Progress reports
 - e. Spelling Bee – January 24th

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS:

1. **Communications.**
 - a. Junior School Board meeting to be held in February, April or May? It was agreed to hold have the Junior School Board attend in April (4/8/2008).
 - b. Newsletter to prepare for May.
 - c. Tuition in of students to Newington, status? It was agreed to make a decision by May 2008; to keep the residents informed due to complicated matters and legal issues the Board is unable to make a solid decision until a final legal recommendation is made with a tentative deadline of May 2008.
 - d. Annual report – content was discussed.
2. **Facility.** Helen Maldini will review upcoming maintenance objectives in February with Jim Katkin.
3. **Calendar.** It was agreed to support the Portsmouth Calendar by maintaining the NH vacation week; instructional days for 22nd and 23rd; and 91st day off.

FINANCIALS:

Upon motion duly made by Deirdre Link and seconded by Jack Anderson it was unanimously voted to accept the manifest of December 7, 2007 through January 8, 2008 in the amount of \$351,661.85.

OTHER:

- A. Upon motion duly made by Jack Anderson and seconded by Deirdre Link it was agreed to increase the classified employees by three and one half percent (3.5%) for the 2008-2009 budget.
- B. Deirdre Link would like recognize and thank Business Administrator Jim Katkin and his staff for the hard work and effort put into the preparing of the budget and guidance during the budget process.
- C. It was agreed that for future years, the Board will use the November Brockton/Boston CPI to calculate increases to classified employees of the Newington School District.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made and roll call of officers it was agreed to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Secretary