

TO THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NEWINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Newington School Board met on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at the Newington Public School, 133 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, NH.

PRESENT: Jack Anderson, Deirdre Link, Helen Maldini (Chairperson), Board Members; George Cushing, Superintendent of Schools; Helen Rist, Principal. ROLL CALL

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

After a review of the minutes of the April 11, 2006, meeting Mrs. Maldini pointed out that she would like the portion of the public comments in response to Mrs. Staude's question to read, "Over the last 10 years in grades K-12, 25% of students were home schooled or in private schools." The minutes of the April 11 meeting were accepted, with changes, on a motion by Mrs. Link; seconded by Mrs. Maldini, and voted unanimously, with Mr. Anderson abstaining. The minutes of the nonpublic session on April 11 were accepted on a motion by Mrs. Link; seconded by Mrs. Maldini, and voted unanimously, with Mr. Anderson abstaining. MINUTES

On May 1, 2006, a letter was written to Mike Mazeau on behalf of the school board, thanking him for his presentation and stating that the board would work on a solution. Mr. Anderson reviewed the meeting minutes and tapes and let Jane Mazeau know that the board would give the presentation its full attention. LETTERS

Mr. Anderson spoke briefly regarding a meeting that he had with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the Newington Chief of Police, and a representative from the Newington Board of Selectmen on the subject of posting signs on Nimble Hill Road regarding the school. SCHOOL SIGNAGE

Mrs. Maldini and Mr. Katkin met on the topic of the Newington School District Master Plan, and will have a position paper by the end of the week. The position paper will be used for the Master Plan and for the circumstances around Mr. Mazeau's request. The position paper will include the board's position on keeping the school open. POSITION PAPER

Dr. Cushing distributed the Special Education Report. It was noted that two students were added at Newington Public School and one student was removed at Portsmouth Middle School. SPECIAL ED REPORT

Dr. Cushing discussed the AREA meeting and Secondary School Advisory Committee meeting. Approximately 30 applications have been received for the principal search by Portsmouth High School. It was PORTSMOUTH REPORT

suggested that Cara Walker (Newington parent) should be asked to be on the search committee. PHS is also forming an athletic committee. Keith Frizzell and Peter MacDonald were two names suggested to represent Newington.

Dr. Cushing presented a letter he wrote to Dr. Tracy, New Hampshire Commissioner of Education, requesting that SAU 50 be identified as a "Follow The Child" SAU in the State of New Hampshire. The Newington School Board endorsed Dr. Cushing's endeavor to apply for "Follow the Child."

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CHILD

Principal Rist reported on that following:

PRINCIPAL'S  
REPORT

Students and staff have been preparing for end of year activities and spring testing is in session.

SAU 50 Literacy Committee needs one more work session to finish the final draft of the document.

All teachers have seen samples of the math program that will be in place for next year. Mrs. Guare, Mrs. Brown, and Ms. Lodge are pleased to have a curriculum that will flow through all of the grades.

Mrs. Guare has been participating in the Science Curriculum revision for New Hampshire.

Terra Nova testing will be in process for the next two weeks.

Helen Rist and Mary Riddick attended Learning and the Brain Conference.

Jump rope demonstration during P.E. class – lots of fun;

Student Government Day – Glenn Trefethen enjoyed being Principal for the day.

Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$1,098.

Falling Up Words – Mort Hansen, the juggler was amazing.

Teacher Appreciation Week – NSS made the week a pleasure for all of the staff.

Cinco de Mayo luncheon was a success and hopes to be the first of many.

Wal-Mart presented Beth Brown with a Teacher of the Year Award and check.

Coming events – Grade 5 / 6 trip to Boston; Grade 1 – 4 to Audubon Center; Coffee with the Principal (Internet Safety), Move Up Day; Smokey Bones Fundraiser and Graduation.

Mrs. Link reviewed, with the board, the deletions and additions made to policies by the Policy Committee, which were, respectively, and unanimously accepted by the board. ACTION ON POLICIES

For a second reading: EB, Safety and Risk Management Program; EBBB, Student Injury Reporting; moved by Mrs. Maldini; seconded by Mrs. Link.

For adoption; EBBC, Emergency Care and First Aid; GBJ, Personnel Records; moved by Mrs. Maldini; seconded by Mrs. Link.

KHC, Distribution of Notices; to be changed and held for attorney review.

The School Board proof read the Newington School District Master Plan and made changes accordingly. NEWINGTON SCHOOL DIST. MASTER PLAN

On a motion by Mr. Anderson; seconded by Mrs. Maldini, the board adjourned at 10:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT