

TO THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Newington School Board met on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at the Newington Public School.

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

Chairperson Maldini opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of June 13 and June 26, 2006, were discussed. On a motion by Deirdre Link and second by Jack Anderson, the minutes were approved on a unanimous vote. MINUTES

On a motion by Jack Anderson and second by Deirdre Link, Helen Maldini was appointed to sit on the new Middle School Study Committee. The vote was unanimous. PMS STUDY COMMITTEE

On a motion by Deirdre Link and a second by Jack Anderson, the manifest of July in the amount of \$70,358.20 and the end of the year manifest in the amount of \$12,327.30 were approved unanimously. FINANCIALS

Principal Helen Rist presented her report and highlighted the following: REPORT CARD

- The staff met during the summer and developed a new report card that features a trimester format and an open house that will be earlier and geared more for parents. Teachers will review classroom expectations for the year, long-range plans and homework processes. The grading system in grades 5 and 6 will follow the P.M.S. grading scale. Grades 3 and 4, and K-2 will use the scale that is currently in place.
- A skills list for math, writing and reading will be introduced as part of the reporting system.

On a motion by Deidre Link and second by Jack Anderson, the Board approved a trimester format and will review the final product at a later meeting, and voted unanimously.

Principal Rist reviewed four proposals from local companies to provide technology support to the school. Her recommendation is 2-Way Communication located in Newington. TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Maldini left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and Mrs. Link assumed the chair.

Mr. Anderson asked for some clarifications about the agreement that the school would enter into, in particular, can we be released from the contract if we are not satisfied? Mrs. Rist will research and get back to Mr. Anderson with the answer.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept Mrs. Rist's recommendation to go with 2-Way Communication. Mrs. Link seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Anderson directed Mrs. Rist to meet with Business Administrator Jim Katkin and look at taking funds for moving the server from the Capital Reserve Fund.

FUNDS TO MOVE
SERVER

Mrs. Link gave an update on the high school principal search. The Search Committee has narrowed the field to two candidates who have been sent on to Dr. Lister to check references.

PHS PRINCIPAL
SEARCH

Mrs. Link presented the following policies:

JLCF – Wellness - Okay as a first reading. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Deidre Link. The vote was unanimous.

POLICIES

IHBH – Extended Learning Opportunities - Refer back to committee. Needs revising.

JICH – Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse - Approved on a second reading with adding in "section c" or "section d."

KHC – Distribution of Notices - On a motion by Deidre Link and second by Jack Anderson, this policy was adopted.

KH – Public Solicitations in the Schools - On a motion by Deidre Link and second by Jack Anderson, this policy was adopted.

BDB – School Board Officers - No action. Doesn't affect Newington.

KHB – Advertising in Schools - For discussion. Too limiting. Want broader language.

EB – Safety and Risk Management Program - No action.

EBC – Crisis Management - On a motion by Deidre Link and second by Jack Anderson, this policy was reinstated.

Mr. Anderson requested an update on the ability for the staff to purchase on-line or at a local store with a school credit card.

PURCHASE
ONLINE

On a motion by Jack Anderson and second by Deidre Link, the meeting ADJOURN
was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.