

TO THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NEWINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Newington School Board met on September 10, 2002, at the Newington Public School.

PRESENT: Mark Beaulier, Helen Maldini, Terri Spinney (Chairperson),  
School Board Members; George A. Cushing, Superintendent of  
Schools; Steven Adler, Principal (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Spinney opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Krista Low was recognized and presented the board with a petition to grant a pay increase to Luanne O'Reilly. She explained that when she started circulating the petition to grant the pay increase she didn't know the circumstances under which Luanne resigned or even if Luanne wanted to come back. The petition was a labor of love to show support for Luanne and to express that the citizens who signed the petition will miss her.

Approval of minutes of August 13, 2002, on a motion by Mr. Beaulier and seconded by Mrs. Maldini the minutes were approved as submitted.

Dr. Cushing presented his report. He discussed the opening of school at Portsmouth High School. For the level of construction that is taking place around the school, it was a smooth opening.

He discussed charter schools and two recent articles about charter schools.

Dr. Cushing spoke about the bus contract that is due to expire at the end of this school year. This will be discussed at the upcoming SAU 50 SAU 50 School Board meeting.

Dr. Cushing distributed the special education report.

Mr. Adler presented his report.

PRINCIPAL'S  
REPORT

He discussed the open house saying he felt it went very well. He had some feedback that maybe it could have been done a little later in the school year.

OPEN HOUSE

He discussed the interview process for the secretary. The committee chose Amie Trefethen for the secretary position. She will meet with Mr. Katkin to do paper work.

SECRETARIAL  
POSITION

The playground was discussed. Over the weekend, Mr. Beaulier and volunteers spread another load of wood chips. The board decided to not put the monkey-bars on the playground. The board directed the superintendent to write a letter to the board of selectmen offering the monkey-bars to the town for use at the Stone School playground.

PLAYGROUND

Mr. Adler discussed the upcoming fifth / sixth grade field trips to Odiorne, and to the Museum of Science in Boston. He asked if the board was comfortable with using private cars to transport the students on fieldtrips. The board felt comfortable with the use of private vehicles to transport students. This is a long-standing tradition in Newington. Mr. Adler also discussed the number of chaperones who have signed on for the trips.

FIELD TRIPS

There are three free admissions to the museum of science. The cost of adult admissions will be spread out over the entire number of parents who want to attend using the free tickets to reduce the cost.

The conservation Commission use to give \$250 to the students for helping with this project. The money was used toward environmental camp. Mr. Adler will check with the Conservation Commission on availability of these funds.

COASTAL CLEAN UP

Mr. Adler shared with the board that there is a meeting for emergency planning with the school and town on September 26.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Adler discussed a concern of a resident about the cloth coverings on the computers being a fire hazard. Mr. Adler said he checked this safety issue with the Fire Chief who said they were safe.

FIRE CONCERN RESEARCHED

Mr. Adler informed the board that he has a parent who has refused to sign the acceptable use policy relative to computer use. The complaint is that the policy is not user friendly. There will be a statement added to the policy that this is a policy that is to be reviewed by the parent with the students. The board directed Mr. Adler to enforce the policy.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

Mr. Katkin reviewed the manifest dated September 10, 2002, in the amount of \$43,367.16. Mr. Beaulier moved to approve the manifest; seconded by Mrs. Spinney and voted unanimously.

FINANCIAL

Policy EEBB was accepted on a second reading on a motion by Mr. Beaulier; seconded by Mrs. Maldini and voted unanimously.

POLICIES

Policy JFAB, was adopted on a second reading on a motion by Mr. Beaulier; seconded by Mrs. Maldini and voted unanimously.

Policy IMDA was adopted on a first and second reading on a motion by Mr. Beaulier; seconded by Mrs. Maldini and voted unanimously.

The additions to the appendices were distributed for insertion in board members' manuals.

No action was taken on the proposed calendar of policy action.

Mr. Katkin updated the board on the status of the air conditioning project, which was shut down because there was not an electrical permit. The electrician is working toward procuring the permit.	AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT
The bus routes will be revisited each May. Hannah Lane was added to the middle school/high school run on a motion by Mr. Beaulier; seconded by Mrs. Maldini, and voted unanimously.	BUS ROUTES
The board will vote by proxy on the resolutions at the NHSBA Delegate Assembly.	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
Mr. Katkin reviewed, with the board, the <i>Wage and Benefit Guide for Classified Employees</i> . After reviewing the salaries of school secretaries in the surrounding school districts, Mr. Katkin recommended increasing the starting salary of the school secretary to \$11.50 per hour.	WAGE AND BENEFIT GUIDE
On a motion by Mr. Beaulier; seconded by Mrs. Maldini, the board approved Mr. Katkin's salary recommendation. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Katkin was directed to re-write the guide and set a meeting for review of the guide. He will review language and wage ranges.	
Mr. Katkin requested the board replace the floor burnisher that has a burned out motor and needs handles. The cost is estimated at \$1,100. On a motion by Mrs. Maldini; seconded by Mr. Beaulier, the board approved, unanimously, the recommendation of the business administrator.	FLOOR BURNISHER
The board adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Beaulier; seconded by Mrs. Maldini and voted unanimously.	ADJOURNMENT

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School Board Secretary