

Minutes
Shrewsbury Mountain School Board Meeting
Shrewsbury Mountain School
Monday, May 23, 2011
6:30 p.m.

These are unofficial minutes and subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting

Present: Adrienne Raymond, Ed Hemmer, Sarah Bolster, Board Members; Dana Cole-Levesque, Superintendent; Deb Fishwick, Principal; Stan Pawlaczyk, RSSU Business Manager.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Adrienne Raymond.

Public Input: None.

Executive Session: The board entered into Executive Session at 6:38 for a negotiations update. The board exited Executive Session at 6:50. No action taken.

Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2011: Under **Present**, delete Sarah Bolster's name. Under **Principal's Report - Personnel**, the last bulleted item should read "Deb spoke to Stan about workman's compensation for the two staff that are still out of work."

The board approved the minutes of May 9, 2011 as amended by consensus.

Financials: The board reviewed financials. We received the \$42,000.00 for the energy project. The board discussed the purchase of a new freezer. The board discussed the increase in the audit fee.

Principal's Report: Enrollment is currently at 62 students, with a 95.51% attendance rate.

Parent and Community Engagement –

- Friends of the School award was discussed.
- Irene Regimbald is working as a foster grandparent in our 2nd and 3rd grade classroom. This is our second year participating. It is a very valuable program and the kids love Irene. Irene enjoys eating lunch with our MAP students.
- Special thanks to Anna Fry. Anna has been a parent volunteer in Art.
- The 2nd and 3rd graders are placing flags in the Northam cemetery this week in honor of the veterans for Memorial Day.
- Move up night is 6/20.

Professional Development and Inservice Activities –

- Our building in-service on 5/6/11 was very productive. The staff worked out the details of our RTI/Enrichment time for the upcoming school year. The staff will be working the first six weeks to assess students – finding benchmarks and setting learning goals based on those assessments. Teachers will be using a variety of assessment tools. Students in grades 3-6 will also spend some time working on NECAP test preparation – reviewing released items, working to test taking strategies, and working on practice items. The following 4 weeks will include some focused instructional units based on students needs. This will be followed by a 3 week enrichment study for all students – some students may be working on a science project, while another group may be learning Spanish, while another may be working on an independent project using technology.

Facilities –

- Building Science completed their inspection on 4/13/11. We are still waiting for their final report.
- We lost our water pressure on 5/18/11. A plumber was called to determine the cause. The problem was resolved. The plumber was also asked for an estimate to replace the urinal in the boys' bathroom and the toilet in the handicapped bathroom. See attached.
- Met with Tim Pedrotty from VSBIT on Friday. He is assisting me in completing a Facilities Management Plan as well as a custodial staffing survey. The survey will help determine the amount of time to clean each room and area that needs daily, weekly or monthly attention.

Miscellaneous -

- Dennis Carrol will be completing the AHERA inspection that is required every 3 years. The cost is \$100/hour and will take 3-8 hours to complete.
- Pam Bullock, our cook has applied for the 2011-2012 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program for our school. If we receive the grant, we will be able to offer students daily access to fresh fruit and vegetables in the classroom.
- The Kennedy-Bankert Family is fundraising to replace the soccer goals on the playground. They are looking to raise \$1300.00. The PTO has indicated that they will make a contribution.
- We received our matching grant for the refrigerator.

Superintendent's Report: Dana spoke about the seminar he attended at Lake Morey and the direction education is moving with technology.

The board asked Dana to check with them before any negotiations for oil prices.

Energy Project: Nothing new to report.

Transact Other Legal Business: None.

Agenda Building: Call to Order; Public Input; Financials – Tax Anticipation Loan; Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2011; Administrators' Reports - Energy Project, Graduation Preparation; Transact Other Legal Business; Executive Session (if needed); Pay Orders; Adjournment.

Pay Orders

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Beauchain
Recording Secretary