

Poultney Town School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Official Minutes
January 19, 2010

Attending: Mary Jo Teetor, Board Chair, and Board Members Pat Davenport, Mike Nagar, and Tracee Oakman Rupe, Superintendent Joan Paustian, PHS Principal JeanMarie Oakman, PES Principal Kristen Caliguiri, Recording Clerk Anne Colpitts, and Dean of Students Joe DeBonis.

Mary Jo Teetor called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The board meeting began with a special graduation ceremony for Eliza Mauhs-Pugh. Eliza was recognized for her high academic achievement and accomplishments in drama and music with awards presented by Tracy Gallipo and Joe DeBonis. She received her diploma from Superintendent Paustian and Principal Oakman. Principal Oakman also presented her with a special award in honor of her achievements and service to the school. Her parents, grandmother, and several teachers and community members were in attendance for the graduation, in addition to the board members and administrators listed above.

Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes: Approval of Unofficial Minutes from December 8, 2009 (Special), December 15, 2009 (Regular and Continuation), and January 5, 2010 (Special).

Action: *Mike Nagar moved to approve minutes. Tracee Oakman Rupe seconded. Motion carried.

b. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Paustian provided the board with a summary of the 2010 Vermont Legislative Report, highlighting points that impact each school. NECAP results will be released next week to principals; student data should be released to be sent to schools between Feb. 3-5.

Technology consultants met with principals and technology staff last week. They will come back shortly to visit and will survey teachers on-line. The district should have the results by April. The systems management team met last week and considered the FMLA policy; it will become a rolling 12 month policy - 12 weeks in any 12 month period. The board needs to authorize Guidance Director Tracy Gallipo to sign purchase orders. **Action:** *Mike Nagar moved to authorize Tracy Gallipo to sign purchase orders. Tracee Oakman Rupe seconded. Motion carried.

c. Principals' Reports: PES: Tammy Moyer is researching where class and club accounts originated so that the money can be used appropriately. There were three donations for PES: \$850 from the Vermont Community Foundation to support grade 5, a Poultney Women's Club donation of \$75 for the PES music program, and a donation of \$500 from the Poultney Food Shelf for children in need. **Action:** *Tracee Oakman Rupe moved to accept the three checks. Pat Davenport seconded. Motion carried.

PHS: There were two donations for PHS: \$75 from the Poultney Women's Club for the PHS music program, and \$300 from Rotary to outfit 5 boys with basketball shoes. **Action:** *Pat Davenport moved to accept the checks. Mike Nagar seconded. Motion carried. Joe DeBonis and Principal Oakman, along with other staff, took a group of 84 students to the Natural History Museum in New York last Friday.

d. Business Manager's Report:

1. Approve Warrants:
 - a. Warrant #76, in the amount of \$57,628.55, dated 12/4/09.
 - b. Warrant #77, in the amount of \$198,775.54, dated 12/18/09.
 - c. Warrant #78, in the amount of \$69,594.47, dated 12/31/09.

Old Business:

- a. Update on FMLA: Administrators, Louis Milazzo, and Mary Jo Teetor met with Andy Moss on 12/22/09 and they felt comfortable with the information they received.

New Business:

- a. Approve textbooks: None
- b. Approve Substitute List: **Action:** *Mike Nagar moved to approve the substitute list. Pat Davenport seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Report of Facilities Committee Meeting: Tables arrived for the computer lab and were installed. There is an issue of locking the computers that is still outstanding; Mary Jo Teetor will discuss it with Vinnie Covino and Principal Oakman. Open House has been scheduled for February 25th. There will be a celebration with maintenance staff and secretaries, tours for the public with National Honor Society, an awards assembly, then the school meeting.
- d. Prepare for Town Meeting and sign warning for same: Amount to be raised through taxes: \$7,031,095.00.

Policies: None

Action on Personnel:

- a. New Hires:
 - i. Reed, John P. (Full-time maintenance staff - transfer from 30-hour position)
 - ii. Sims, Roy (30-hour per week maintenance staff)
 - iii. Kerber, Christina (local/emergency substitute, PHS)
 - b. Resignations: None
 - c. Terminations: None
 - d. Leave of absence request: None
 - e. Request for Release from Contract: None
- Action:** *Pat Davenport moved to approve new hires. Mike Nagar seconded. Motion carried.

General Public Comment: None.

Mary Jo Teetor adjourned the meeting to move to executive session at 7:02 pm.

Next Regular Meeting: February 9, 2010, 6:00 pm, PHS.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Colpitts, Recording Clerk