

Thornton School Board

August 25, 2009

Minutes

School Board members present: Teri Gabbeitt, Melinda Johnston, Scot Woolfenden,
Barry VanDeMoere

Administration present: Superintendent Mark Halloran
Assistant Superintendent Kathy Boyle
Principal Jonathan Bownes

Public present: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

I. Agenda Review and Disposition
Under nonpublic session add Personnel

II. Minutes of June 23, 2009

On a motion by Scot Woolfenden, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted 3 in favor and 1 abstention to accept the June 23, 2009 minutes as written.

III. Principal's Report

Mr. Bownes reported enrollment is 205 as of August 25. The first day of school for teachers was Monday, August 24. The teacher in-service days are August 24, 25, 26, and 27. The first day for students is Monday, August 31. NWEA testing will take place in September. Since the school doesn't have a computer lab and the tests are taken on computers, a temporary computer lab will be set up in the gym. Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

IV. Building Update – Review Ed. Specs

The Board reviewed and updated the Educational Specs for the proposed building addition. Melinda Johnston will make the changes and email copies to all Board members. The updated specs will be brought before the Board at the September meeting for approval. It was the consensus of the Board to hold an informational meeting for the public regarding the building proposal on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Board members will invite members of the Thornton Advisory Committee, Thornton Planning Board, Thornton Selectmen, Thornton PTO, and Campton-Thornton Fire Chief. The regular School Board

meeting will be held the same date but at 6:00 p.m. Notification of the informational meeting will be advertised in the local paper.

V. Privilege of the Floor #1 – None

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Budget Report 08-09 – Kathy Boyle handed out an end of the year report for the school year 208-09. The report was reviewed and discussed. The amount of revenues to be returned to the town of Thornton to help offset taxes is \$8,073. The food service department finished the year with a positive balance of \$3,659.16. The balance in the Capital Reserve Fund is \$12,211.33.
- B. Safety Update – Mr. Bownes handed out copies of the school’s Emergency Evacuation Procedures and gave an overview of the Safety Committee. Mr. Bownes invited a Board member to be a part of the Safety Committee. Scot Woolfenden volunteered.
- C. Library Follow-up – The Board sent a letter to the library trustees requesting use of the library daily until 10:00 a.m. and then during testing times in the fall and spring to help alleviate space issues within the school; the trustees’ response to not approve the request was discussed. The Board also discussed a letter received from the library director informing Mr. Bownes she would not be able to provide library programming for the fourth and fifth grades due to time constraints. Mr. Bownes was directed by the Board to alert the staff of the changes with the library programming.

VII. Recognition and Awards

Mr. Bownes recognized Bruce Blackburn, Lew Marcotte, Mike Bownes, and Carol Tyler for their efforts in getting the school ready for the start of the school year.

Teri Gabbeitt recognized Lynne Campbell and Carol Tyler for their efforts to conserve paper and mailing costs for combining multiple students in a family into one summer packet.

The Board wished to recognize the entire staff for their efforts in preparing for the opening day. A pizza lunch will be provided to the entire staff on Thursday, August 28 compliments of the Board

VIII Privilege of the Floor #2 – None

IX. Nonpublic

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Scot Woolfenden, the Board voted unanimously to enter nonpublic session.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted unanimously to enter public session.

The Board entered public session at 7:27 p.m.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Richard Riberdy from the School Board.

On a motion by Scot Woolfenden, seconded by Barry VanDeMoere, the Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Jan Borsh as the grades 6-8 reading teacher and wish her well with her career.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold interviews for the School Board vacancy on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Board members are to bring 1-2 questions for the interview process.

Discussion took place to change the regular School Board meetings to the fourth Monday of the month with a starting time of 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Teri Gabbeitt, seconded by Barry VanDeMoere, the Board voted unanimously to change the meetings to the fourth Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The change will start with the October 2009 meeting.

On a motion by Scot Woolfenden, seconded by Barry VanDeMoere, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Tyler

Board Secretary