

Thornton School Board
Monday, June 28, 2010
Minutes

School Board members present: Teri Gabbeitt, Scot Woolfenden, Giff Kriebel, and Barry VanDeMoere
Administration present: SAU 48 Assistant Superintendent Kathy Boyle
Principal Jonathan Bownes
Public: Jennifer Dragon, Tyler Phillips, Christine Cherry

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

- I. Agenda Review and Disposition
Under Discussion Items add G. Future Meeting Date, H. School Approval, I. Ball Fields, and J. Third Party Usage of School. Under nonpublic session add Personnel and Student Issues.
- II. Minutes of May 24, 2010
On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Giff Kriebel, the Board voted to accept the May 24, 2010 minutes as written. The vote was 3 in favor, 1 abstention.
- III. Principal's Report
Mr. Bownes reported that 20 eighth graders graduated on June 14, 2010. The K-5 Field Day was held on Tuesday, June 15th and went very well. The last day of school for students and teachers was Wednesday, June 16th at 12:00 p.m. CCI and construction crews hit the building hard at 12:15 p.m. on June 16th. Mr. Bownes reported the construction is on schedule and if Board members would like to participate in a walk-through, they should call ahead. Currently there is too much demolition. The teachers' first day back is August 23rd and the first day back for students is August 31st.
- IV. Building Update
Scot Woolfenden reviewed the building meeting notes of June 23, 2010 with the Board. The modular has been moved and the septic system for the modular has been completed. Discussion took place.
- V. Privilege of the Floor #1
Jennifer Dragon, Christine Cherry, and Tyler Phillips reviewed their plan to have their children attend the after school A+ Program at Campton Elementary School during the 2010-11 school year and extending a Thornton Central School bus route for transportation to this program. After much discussion, the parents decided to seek out alternative transportation. Kathy Boyle will make available a list of local taxi companies the area school districts use. All three parents left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- VI. Discussion Items
Building Update – done under IV.
Handbook Changes 2010-2011
On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the changes to the 2010-2011 Handbook as discussed.
Health Insurance Rates – Information on the rates was handed out for review. The rates are right where it was thought they would be.

Oil Rates

The rate of \$2.575/gallon has been locked in.

School Approval

Thornton Central School's approval expires June 30, 2011. Thornton will need to go through the process this school year.

Abbreviated Budget/Encumbrances

The District continues to be in good shape. Discussion took place.

On a motion by Teri Gabbeitt, seconded by Barry VanDeMoere, the Board voted unanimously in favor to encumber leftover funds from the 2009-2010 school year to the following accounts: 1100.610 \$38,000, 1212.110 \$18,000, 2410.232 \$ 4,000. Any remaining funds are to be allocated to account 4600.430.

Future Meeting Date – The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Thornton Central School.

Ball Fields – It was the consensus of the Board to have Barry VanDeMoere and Giff Kriebel explore optional sports fields for the school.

Third Party Building Use – Discussion took place on use of the building and whether or not a fee is charged. A fee is charged to cover custodial time. This fee is determined by SAU accounting personnel.

VII. Recognition and Awards

Jonathan Bownes recognized Michael Sullivan and Andrea Charbonneau for their efforts for organizing and running the K-5 Field Day event, Carol Tyler for organizing and setting up the eighth grade graduation, and Bruce Blackburn for his efforts in organizing the end of the year packing and moving.

VIII. Privilege of the Floor #2 – None

IX. Nonpublic Session

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Giff Kriebel, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter nonpublic session.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss personnel and student issues.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Giff Kriebel, the Board voted unanimously in favor to enter public session.

The Board reentered public session at 7:49 p.m.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted unanimously, with regrets, to accept the resignations of Christine Carpenter and Janette Gaumer.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted unanimously in favor to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Tyler
Board Secretary