

Thornton School Board
Monday, March 22, 2010
Minutes

School Board members present: Giff Kriebel, Teri Gabbeitt, Scot Woolfenden, Cara Towers,
Barry VanDeMoere
Administration present: SAU 48 Assistant Superintendent Kathy Boyle
Principal Jonathan Bownes
Public: Julia O’Haire and Eden Paul

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Kathy Boyle.

Kathy Boyle welcomed newly elected member, Cara Towers, to the Board.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Giff Kriebel, the Board elected Scot Woolfenden as the new Thornton School Board Chairperson. The vote was 4 in favor with 1 abstention.

On a motion by Scot Woolfenden, seconded by Barry VanDeMoere, the Board elected Teri Gabbeitt as the new Thornton School Board Vice Chairperson. The vote was 4 in favor with 1 abstention.

Kathy Boyle reviewed nonpublic session protocol with the Board.

I. Agenda Review and Disposition

Under VI, letter C add Abbreviated Budget Balance Report

II. Minutes of February 15, 2010, March 6, 2010

On a motion by Teri Gabbeitt, seconded by Giff Kriebel, the Board voted 4 in favor, 1 abstention to accept the February 15, 2010 minutes as written.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Giff Kriebel, the Board voted 4 in favor, 1 abstention to accept the March 6, 2010 minutes as written.

The Annual District meeting minutes were reviewed; the Board recommended the text and the dollar amount in the amendment made from the floor on Article 9 match and to also remove the sentence, *The School Board recommends this appropriation.*

III. Principal’s Report

Mr. Bownes reported the annual school play, *Everything’s Groovy*, will be presented on Thursday, April 1, 2010.

The Destination Imagination Team will compete at the State level on Saturday, March 26, 2010 in Nashua, NH.

Baseball and softball will start in 2-3 weeks. It was noted this is the earliest the seasons have started than ever before.

The annual Academic Fair will take place on Thursday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. The K-4 classes will present their annual Spring Concert the same night.

There will be an in-service day on Wednesday, March 24 after the students are dismissed at noon. The in-service will be held on digital portfolios. A Richer Picture representative will facilitate the in-service.

There was discussion on what a digital portfolio is. Miss O'Haire and Miss Paul explained what was required of high school students for their digital portfolios.

IV. Building Update

Scot Woolfenden briefed the Board on a recent building meeting. The next building meeting with CCI will take place mid April.

On a motion by Teri Gabbeitt, seconded by Cara Towers, the Board voted unanimously to have Scot Woolfenden and Barry VanDeMoere represent the Board at the building meetings.

V. Privilege of the Floor #1 – none

VI. Discussion Items

A. Calendar – The proposed calendar for 2010-2011 was handed out and reviewed. Mr. Bownes would like to see a half day in-service on October 27 and March 23. Voting on the calendar will take place at the April meeting.

Miss O'Haire and Miss Paul left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

C. Abbreviated Budget Balance Report – this report was handed out and reviewed, the District continues to be in good standing.

VII. Recognition and Awards

Mr. Bownes recognized Bruce Blackburn for his continued efforts and extra time put in to ensure the smooth operation of the physical plant.

VIII. Privilege of the Floor #2 – none

IX. Nonpublic Session

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

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:13 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 7:03 p.m.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Cara Towers, the Board voted 4 in favor and 1 abstention on the slate of teacher nominations as presented.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Cara Towers, the Board voted unanimously in favor to approve maternity leave for Kiley Kapp.

On a motion by Barry VanDeMoere, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted unanimously in favor to accept the negotiated employment contract for Bruce Blackburn for the 2010-11 school year.

On a motion by Cara Towers, seconded by Teri Gabbeitt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Tyler
Board Secretary