

**Minutes of School Directors Meeting
Smilie Memorial School, Bolton, VT
July 6, 2005**

Attendees: John Alberghini, Vicky Congdon, Phil Graff, Fred Kenney, Steve May, Michael Woods

Meeting came to order at 7:15 pm.

GENERAL ITEMS

1. There were no comments from community members.
2. Vicky will amend the 6/8/05 minutes to reflect the time the meeting adjourned: Fred moved to approve the minutes of 6/8/05 and 6/24/05 as amended; Steve seconded. All in favor.

3. Principal's Report

Michael reported that summer school is running smoothly, with 14 students enrolled. Jennifer Caron, Smilie's guidance counselor, will be on maternity leave for most of the '05-'06 school year. Michael has spoken informally with Marejke Smith, the guidance counselor at Brewster Pierce, about working one day at Smilie. He will follow up with a formal interview.

4. Superintendent's Report

John Alberghini, attending for Jim Massingham, did not have a formal report.

5. Committee reports:

Transportation: Fred gave updates on busing issues, including overcrowding on certain routes and planned developments and their impact on bus routes. Also, there were several incidences where bus routes were temporarily suspended or the schedule was altered ; it has been made clear to Bob Magee that parents must be notified directly, not through students. Several public meetings regarding busing will be held this fall. The Transportation Committee will be looking at a consolidation of bus stops for possible implementation in 2006-07.

Executive: Jim Massingham submitted his professional goals as Superintendent, which were accepted by the committee. Phil noted that in lieu of a CESU Technology committee, Long-Range Planning committee will develop a technology plan for the district.

Negotiations: Phil gave an update on ongoing contract negotiations, including proposed staff salary increases and health care costs.

Policy: Discussion of the Harassment policy draft and proposed guidelines. Steve feels the wording of the draft is inadequate as it does not spell out the specific harassment protections covered (religion, race, etc.), and he will submit his recommendations to the Policy committee in writing. Spec. Ed. and Long-Range Planning didn't meet.

Discussion Items

1. Lund programs follow-up: Lisanne Hegman at the Lund Family Center will prepare an action plan for the school-age child care programs at Smilie to present to the Board. Sam Aronson will generate a list of ideas to increase enrollment/program visibility. Fred suggested Lund present a

proposal to Leadership Champlain (through the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce), which matches nonprofits with businesses that help them develop business/marketing plans.

2. Building security: Suggestions included: a surveillance camera; a motion-activated security device that would make loud noises and flash bright lights; heavy-duty sash locks on all the windows; a light board in the principal's office that would indicate when a door isn't closed securely. Michael will ask Leigh Sykes of Vermont Life Safety in Bolton to take a tour of the building and bring his recommendations to the September meeting. Phil noted that we might be able to reduce our insurance premiums by installing certain security measures.

4. The Board briefly discussed district-wide purchasing of certain items like heating oil and bulk food. Phil will bring this up in the Executive committee.

5. The Board discussed state aid for preschool based on average daily membership of the previous 2 years and the issues around preschool becoming a public education cost.

6. Fred moved to accept the Invoice Edit List in the revised amount of \$352,684.77; Steve seconded. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2005 at 6 pm at Smilie School.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Congdon
Approved as amended