

**Fayston Elementary School  
Fayston, Vermont 05673**

**Board of School Directors  
Official Minutes**

**November 6, 2008 @ 6:00 PM - Fayston School**

Board Members Present: Susan Daley (arr 6:05), Michael Riddell, Bob Lockett, Russell Beilke, Jean Wry

Others Present: Chris Dodge, Rhonda Gadhue (dep 6:08), Cara Lewis (dep 8:02), Beth Abbott-Koch (dep 6:55), Erica Lindberg (dep 7:46), Gussie Graves (dep 8:02), Justina Boyden (dep 6:55), Kira Harris (dep 6:37), Howard Wynne (dep 8:02), Kim Laidlaw (dep 7:45), Dick Moser (arr 7:31)

- 6:01 Mike called the meeting to order; with so many guests a brief round of introductions was done.
- 6:03 Agenda Review, Additions, and Acceptance: Chris mentioned additional items that will be added to the principal's report, agenda shuffled to allow topic guests are present for to be moved to top. Executive Session added.
- 6:06 Citizens' Time
- Carol Hosford, not present
  - Other, all other citizens were only present to observe and participate.
- Staff Time
- Meet Rhonda Gadhue, Candidate for 3/4 Long-Term Substitute, Rhonda introduced herself and gave us a summary of her background. She has been in the school getting to know the students.
  - Other, all other citizens were only present to observe and participate.
- 6:09 General Business, Preschool Partnership Funding Criteria – Policy Consideration. After much discussion, feedback and input; a revised policy will be drafted and presented at the next regular meeting.
- 6:38 Principal's Report
- Questions about emailed report. Chris answered questions about the asbestos consulting, it is required. Current budget was reviewed.
  - Presentation of First Draft of FY10 Budget. Library Support Services Request – Robin Twombly, a letter was read to the board for consideration.
- 7:46 Superintendent's Report. Focus is on the filling of the Administrative & Superintendent vacancies. Principals are going to look at a common report card among all primary schools, with use of Power School.
- 7:59 General Business, con't.
- Mission/Vision Work Preparations. Mike met with Valarie Gardner who will be facilitating the sessions planned between the staff and board. Two short videos were shown. Chris made some notes of our responses to the videos.
  - Policies for Review, Amending or Adoption:
    - Extended School Year Services, still in legal.
- A motion was made by Jean to adopt the policies of "Participation of Home Study Students in School Programs" as presented and "Policy Development & Adoption" and "Policy Dissemination, Administration and Review" as revised. Second by Susan. Passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Bob to approve the hiring of Rhonda Gadhue as the \_ long term sub beginning on December 1, 2008. Passed unanimously
  - A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Susan to hire Judy Long and two additional staff to assist in the Winter Sports Program. Passed unanimously.
  - Update: Executive Committee WWSU Board. Primary focus has continued to be on Superintendent search. Discussion about beginning to review transportation options for next bus contract renewal.
  - Other. Bob will be meeting with the Select Board to inform them of what improvements have been done to the school this past summer. Gussie Graves, lister, will be in attendance to discuss the CLA as well.
- 9:11 A motion was made by Susan to approve the minutes of September 4, 2008 as written, seconded by Jean. Passed unanimously.
- 9:15 Reminder of Mission and Vision Work scheduled for 11/13 and 11/20 @ 2:45 p.m.  
Reminder of Special Meeting scheduled for 11/20 @ 4:30 p.m. – FY10 Budget
- 9:17 A motion was made by Russell to move into Executive Session and seconded by Susan to discuss a student issue.
- 9:40 A motion was made by Mike to move out of Executive Session and seconded by Bob.  
The family discussed in Executive Session was determined to be residents of Fayston, given information presented.
- 9:44 A motion was made to adjourn by Jean, seconded by Russell. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Wry