

Woodbury Schoolboard Minutes, July 7th 2009, 6p.m.

Attendance: School Directors Lindsay Whalen, Chris Casey, Dana Maxfield, Dan Brush, Monty Shatney, along with our newly hired School Principal Sharon Fortune, School Supt. Mark Andrews, Guests - Vail Leach, Kim Silk & Lisa Silk

The Meeting Started at 6p.m. with the board being introduced to Sharon Fortune, our principal for the upcoming school year.

We then entered into some discussion regarding the minutes of the meeting on June 22nd, and decided that we would send the minutes around to the members of the board before the meeting for input so they could be approved and adjusted by the board before the meeting so we wouldn't have to spend excessive time discussing the minutes at the meeting, and that the guidelines for taking minutes as recommended by the Vermont School Boards Association would be used. Monty made a motion to reconfigure the minutes of June 2nd, 22nd, which was seconded by Dana and that we'd table the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

The next item of discussion was to set our date for the Vermont School Boards Association training, and that we should fill out the assessment questionnaire which they provide for the board to fill out which is available both on their website and in our manuals. This is a public meeting so we decided that we would have it at our usual meeting place in the Library meeting room on August 12th from 3-7, and it would be a Potluck.

Mark Andrews then asked for some direction as to our thoughts on guidelines for hiring the new teacher for Woodbury, and that we should rely on his expertise and knowledge of the school and its dynamics, understanding our current situation in town, and would bring a budget in for us within our specifications as a board. We set the charge and he'll produce. Much discussion ensued regarding the teacher configuration, student to teacher ratio's and whether or not it would be possible to restore some of the programs/ services which have been cut if we have a reduction in staff, and whether or not the reduction would affect the education of our students adversely. It was also noted that this was a one year position we were hiring for and that would give us flexibility for change in our staffing going forward. Mark also note that our new principal is a 60% position (three days a week) and that he was going to be much more visible and present at our school in the upcoming year, along with other colleagues of his from the OSSU.

Monty? Made a motion to enter into Ex. Session, seconded by Lindsay to discuss personnel issues at 7:40

We exited Ex. Session at 8:10, with no action taken.

The Board then resumed what their thoughts were for our budget proposal to Mark for the upcoming year and that we would all think about this for our next meeting so we could give Mark some strong direction. There also was a concern to whether or not it is appropriate for the Chair to make and /or second motions. It was pointed out that according to the VSBA's handbook that it was alright as we had a small board and the rules were more relaxed as opposed to if we had a large board.

Motion to adjourn by Lindsay @ 8:23, Seconded by Monty