

ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HEFFERNAN MEDIA CENTER, ASHLAND
August 19, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Burgess, Chair; Mr. Hughes; Mrs. Knowlton; Mr. Stack

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Brown, with notice

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. McCormack

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Ruell
Chief Anthony Randall
Residents: Ms. Rayder, Barbara McGowan, Anne Lamson,
Sherri Downing, Anne Sanborn

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**STUDENT SAFETY -
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Dr. McCormack presented a brief overview of the meeting that was held with area law enforcement officials and school personnel regarding Mr. Guay's residency as it relates to student safety concerns. He explained that he appreciated the cooperation of those present and that he found their input beneficial.

Dr. McCormack explained that, as a result of the meeting, he and Mr. Tirone developed an initial list of things they would suggest doing to enhance student safety. These included:

- Issuing a letter of "No Trespass" to Mr. Guay
- Meeting with and discussing emergency protocols with Robertson Transit
- Changing the location of the bus stop on Route 132 to allow for parental monitoring
- Distributing Mr. Guay's picture to all school staff and bus drivers
- Maintaining open lines of communication with the Ashland Police Department
- Sending a letter of notification to parents
- Alerting staff for increased supervision of student movement outside of the building
- Teaching "stranger danger"/safety precautions to children

The consensus of the Board was to move forward with these recommendations.

Dr. McCormack will follow up with the school district's attorney regarding the letter of no trespass.

A letter to parents will be prepared for the Board's review.

In response to a question from the audience, Chief Randall explained that he could not share information regarding to whom a car is registered.

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(cont'd.)

Mr. Tirone responded to a question regarding the "IdentiKid" program, stating that the school photographer now provides a similar service. He also explained the time frame and process used to notify parents when students are absent.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Not necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Ashland School Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
(Policy Review Committee to meet at 6:00 p.m.)
Heffernan Media Center, Ashland**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:25 p.m., upon a motion made by Mrs. Knowlton, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip G. McCormack, Ed.D.
Recording Secretary, Pro Tem