

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HEFFERNAN MEDIA CENTER, ASHLAND
September 7, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Stack, Ms. Brown, Ms. D'Ambruoso

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Knowlton, with notice

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, Mr. Tirone

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Mrs. Knowlton, the chairman, Mr. Stack, as vice chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

**A. Board Member
Appointment**

Dr. McCormack reported that no one has submitted a letter of interest thus far relative to being appointed to the school board. It was advertised in the Record Enterprise; it is on the school's website; and it was posted at the town office. Some discussion ensued. Board members were encouraged to ask "around town". This issue will be taken up again next month.

MINUTES

**A. Regular Meeting,
August 3, 2010**

Ms. Brown moved, Ms. D'Ambruoso seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2010, as printed and distributed. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**STUDENT/TEACHER
RECOGNITION**

Mr. Tirone recognized Mr. Tuttle, Technology Director, for his work over the summer, much of it voluntarily, installing new SmartBoards and servers. He did a "monumental" job. Mr. Tirone will thank him on behalf of the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent of Schools

None.

**B. Secretary of the
School Board**

None.

**C. Members of the
School Board**

None.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating

Ms. D'Ambruoso moved, Ms. Brown seconded, that the Board approve the payment of bills, as presented, including manifest #2008 (checks #17357-#17359 in the amount of \$1,129.09), and manifest #2009 (checks #17361-#17422 in the amount of \$96,266.59). The vote was unanimously in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Temperino reported that 2009-2010 year-end documents have been electronically submitted to the state. The final year-end surplus was \$180,166. The MS25 and DOE25 forms were submitted for Board member signatures. Ms. Temperino stated that she will have year-end summary reports next month for review.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**A. Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Report****1. School Opening**

Dr. McCormack noted that there are 164 students enrolled as of the first week of school (a couple more than last year at this time). It was noted that 20 transfer students were enrolled over the summer. He also commented on the summer-like weather the first few days of school.

B. Principal's Report

Mr. Tirone provided the following highlights:

- Summer projects included: renovations to the gym roof; replacement of the fence along the side of the gym; a fence and gate installed at the ball park; the middle school wing completely painted and floors stripped; and the exterior of the building painted. SmartBoards were also installed in every room (grant funded), and new server transfers occurred.
- The newly-revised health and physical education curriculums are being implemented this year. An initial meeting regarding the language arts curriculum has been held. The state is implementing some core competency standards, which Ashland staff will work at incorporating into the language arts curriculum. Technology skills and family consumer science curriculums will also be reviewed/revise this year.
- Student and staff handbooks were reviewed this summer; there is new language regarding the dress code and electronic devices.
- Based on Responsive Classroom training, starting today students will have recess first, with lunch to follow.
- The three workshop days went well. A session was held on cyberbullying. Dr. McCormack, Mr. Tirone and Ms. Hogan will be attending additional training. SmartBoard training was also held and will be ongoing. Also during the workshop days, Responsive Classroom participants shared their experience with the staff and demonstrated activities learned.
- The opening of the school year went very smooth.
- NECAP preparation started today and will continue for the next five weeks. Mr. Tirone noted that core competency testing will replace the NECAP tests in three years.
- Soccer and volleyball season has begun with games starting this week.

B. Principal’s Report *(cont’d.)* Mr. Stack inquired about the status of the additional needed gym renovations. Mr. Tirone noted his intent to do the project in stages: lighting, windows, and insulation of the roof, in that order. Some discussion ensued. Dr. McCormack suggested that this issue can be discussed further during budget deliberations. He noted that there is a state moratorium on building aid for at least one year. This is something that will need to be taken into consideration. The administration will work on getting information together, i.e., estimated costs, structure information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SB2 Timeline for 2011 District Meeting Ms. Temperino noted that the administration will be working on the 2011-2012 budget for presentation to the Board in November. Action on the timeline was tabled for next month until all Board members could be present.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Policy Review Committee Dr. McCormack stressed the need to have the Policy Review Committee continue its work in light of new laws. Ms. Brown volunteered to serve on this committee in place of Ms. Lamson who recently resigned. She suggested that an alternate be appointed as well. Some discussion ensued regarding the charge of the committee. Ms. D’Ambruoso volunteered to serve as the alternate on this committee.

Based on a consensus of the Board, Mr. Stack, as vice chairman, appointed Ms. Brown to the Policy Review Committee, with Ms. D’Ambruoso serving as the alternate.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the School Board Ms. Brown commented on the fence installed around the old school building. She asked Mr. Tirone if he is seeing fewer cars come up into the Ashland School parking lot. Mr. Tirone stated yes.

B. Members of the Administration None.

C. Citizens at the Meeting None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Ashland School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
(Policy Review Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m.)
Heffernan Media Center, Ashland

NON-PUBLIC SESSION Not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:33 p.m., upon a motion made by Ms. D’Ambruoso, seconded by Ms. Brown, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Lamoureux
Recording Secretary