

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

January 29, 2008

Chairman Dwight Brew called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present

Amherst School Board: Chairman Dwight Brew, Peg Bennett, Peter de Bruyn Kops, Robert Graybill and Nancy Head.

Administrative Team: Nicole Heimarck, and Betty Shankel.

Minutes Recorder: Heather Loewy Nichols

ATTENDANCE

A. Ratify Tuition Agreement

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bennett and SECONDED by Mr. Graybill that the School Board submit the tuition agreement negotiated with the Mont Vernon School District for Middle School students, that becomes effective July 1, 2011, to the voters for their ratification and approval at the 2009 Annual School District Meeting and that if voters ratify and approve the agreement at this year's meeting that the Board execute the agreement and submit it to the State Department of Education for its approval.

Voting: 5 ayes; motion carried unanimously.

II. ACTION

B. Revised Calendar

A MOTION was made by Ms. Head and SECONDED by Ms. Bennett to adopt the revised school calendar as proposed by the administration.

Mr. Graybill stated that he is not in favor of the revision because he does not feel that it adequately makes up for the educational time that has been lost. Ms. Bennett noted that the District has to do something and the Department of Education will not be granting waivers at this time. Ms. Heimarck explained that she was at the Department of Education for a meeting recently and the commissioner stated that he will not be granting any waivers at this time so it is futile to submit a request. Ms. Head noted that Saturdays and vacations day are not useful teaching days. Mr. Graybill stated that he agrees that the proposed revision is the least of the worst options but still does not feel that it is appropriate. Mr. Brew suggested that long term the overall calendar may be too tight and maybe it would appropriate to create a future committee to study the issue. Ms. Head noted that previously teachers had workshop days prior to the start of school which added room at the end of the year.

Voting: 4 ayes; 1 nay (Graybill); motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Head and SECONDED by Mr. de Bruyn Kops to go into non public session.

Members of the Board were polled and all voted in favor. The Board entered into non public session at 8:09 p.m.

The Board discussed a pending legal matter.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bennett and SECONDED by Mr. de Bruyn Kops to enter into public session.

Members of the Board were polled and all voted in favor. The Board entered into public session.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Graybill and SECONDED by Mr. de Bruyn Kops to adjourn.

Voting: 5 ayes; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brew declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**III. NON-PUBLIC
SESSION – RSA 91-
A:3 II (a)**

**IV. REVIEW OF
MEETING/
ADJOURNMENT**