Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
September 10, 2007
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack

Board Members Present (Warren): Don Bagley, Roger VanWinkle

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Laurie Melanson, Palmer Koelb, John Millican, Deborah

The Wentworth School Board meeting began at 6:00 PM.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions

Minutes of July 9, 2007 – Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison to accept the minutes of July 9, 2007.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the building projects completed over the summer. The faculty and staff attended an all day workshop on Student Led Conferences. The students and staff will be conducting these conferences sometime in late spring. On October 22-23, the seventh and eighth graders will be taking an overnight (Appalachian Trail) field trip. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the overnight trip.

Wentworth Elementary School made Annual Yearly Progress for the 2nd year in a row. This was accomplished in all grade levels (3-8) in Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics, and in all cohort groups including special education. Within New Hampshire, of the 377 school reports released, 51% of the schools did not make adequate progress in one or more areas. The report also schools that 139 schools have failed to improved two consecutive years in the same content area.

The school board received an update on the PTO and money allocations for this year as no one volunteered to be in charge of PTO for the 2007-2008 school year.

Correspondence – The Warren Village School-Wentworth Elementary School Agreement was discussed at length. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the agreement.

The letter from the Wentworth Education Association was reviewed. Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Mack will commence negotiations with the team on September 24 at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Charpentier shared information about the Homeless Conference. Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Mack will attend the conference.

The Wentworth School District Board Report for the fiscal year ended 6/30/07 was shared. The "unreserved fund balance" (amount used to offset the amount of taxes raised in the following fiscal year) of $36,769.09 will be used to reduce the tax dollars raised for the 07-08 school year. The Capital Reserve Fund was not utilized during 2006-2007. The balance of the Capital Reserve Funds as of 6/30/07 was $18,104.74.

The Wentworth Board of Selectmen presented a petition for a special school district meeting (RSA 1917:2) to the school board. This petition was discussed at length. Mrs. Gaides, on behalf of the school board, will seek a legal opinion of any action they will need to take regarding the petition. The voters' names have been verified. A response will be given to the Selectmen at the October 22nd meeting.

Discussion Items—AYP Results of schools within SAU #48 were shared with the public. The Career and Art Curriculum Guides ware tabled until the October 22nd meeting. The Travel Payment/Reimbursement Policy was reviewed by the school board. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the policy. The school board has received one application for the vacant school board position. The school board requested that the position be posted at town hall and placed in the newspaper. Interviews will be held at the October 22nd meeting.

Recognition and Awards – Richard Young and is family for a job well done preparing the school for opening day and for putting up the new school sign. To Scott Goodale for designing, manufacturing and installing the new school sign. To Marc Rondeau for his tireless efforts to rewire the school for the new phone system and the wireless Internet system. Also, for saving the district an incredible amount of money in materials cost. To Brian Weeks for his donated time, materials and expertise in installing electrical outlets in the new computer/media center. To Andrew Schalm for his help in making the schedule for this year's school configuration work. To all the students, staff, and faculty for making the first week of school a huge success.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Nonpublic Session --

At 7:17 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to enter non public session to discuss personnel.

At 8:00 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bridget Bixby as a paraprofessional.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the Plymouth State University Child Development Center tuition of $3,000.00 for the Kindergarten Program for a Wentworth student.

At 8:05 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
October 22, 2007
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Palmer Koelb, Deborah Koelb, Erin DeCotis, Phoebe Sanborn, Ellie, Donna H.

The Wentworth School Board meeting began at 5:30 PM. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of School Board interviews and personnel. At 6:05 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session. No action was taken as a result of the non-public session.

Agenda Review and Disposition – Addition of discussion regarding petition for Special School District Meeting correspondence.

Discussion - A response was given to the Selectmen regarding a petition for a special school district meeting. The school board states that it refused to call the meeting. The following reasons were given:

1. The school district meeting has no statutory authority to establish the date for the annual school district meeting. RSA 197:5 gives the school board the authority to decide when the annual meeting will be held, subject to the other statutory requirements for the date of the meeting.
2. A vote by the special meeting to require that the school district meeting be held on the same date as the town meeting would have no legal effect.
3. Undertaking the expense of calling a special school district meeting for a vote that will have no legal effect would not be a wise expenditure of school district funds.

Mr. Palmer Koelb asked that the refusal to call the meeting be put in writing by the school board chair. Mr. Morrison said that it would be available to Mr. Koelb on October 23rd.

Minutes of September 10, 2007 – Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison to accept the minutes of September 10, 2007.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the student council, fall sports season, Billings Farm field trip, and fall testing of the NECAP. The seventh and eighth graders will are on their overnight (Appalachian Trail) field trip. The students and staff are involved in a school wide service learning project to collect 250 cans of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Warren/Wentworth food bank. To date, they have collected 197 items.

The Open House on October was well attended. The school is using some of their title grant money ($5,500.00) to purchase a music instrument library. Also, the after school homework club began on October 9th and it is funded by a $3,850.00 grant.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the principal's report.

Correspondence – The tax rate analysis memo from Mr. Halloran was distributed to the school board. It was noted by Mrs. Gaides that the School tax rate in 2006 was $10.84. In 2007 it was $7.40. The school portion of the taxes decreased 31.7% in 2007. The school portion of the taxes had the greatest decrease within the town.

Discussion Items—The Career and Art Curriculum Guides ware tabled until the November 19th meeting. There were no requests of the school board pertaining to Mr. Henderson's memo. The Warren-Wentworth Collaborative agreement was distributed by Mr. Charpentier. The student council will provide a monthly report to the school board.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- To Helen Ray and Charlene Weeks for their extra help during NECAP testing by providing breakfast to the whole school.
- To both sports teams and their coaches as it was an outstanding fall season.
- To the Wentworth Police Department, local Boy Scouts Organization and to CADY for coming out to support the school and community during Open House.
- To Bruce Parsons and Mark Halloran for allowing WES to use some of their musical instruments for the band program.
- To the Friends of the Arts Program for the wonderful program "Fairy Houses" and for the funding.
- To Fat Bob's Ice Cream for giving the whole school a great treat.

Mrs. Sanborn thanked the school board for the phone system, doors and windows, and door locks to provide a safe environment for the students and staff at the school.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll were reviewed and signed by the school board.

Nonpublic Session --

At 6:35 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to enter non public session to discuss personnel.

At 7:35 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session. On behalf of the school board, Mrs. Gaides will write a letter to the Warren School Board regarding the mutual agreement. A letter will also be written regarding

parent request. Mrs. Gaides updated the school board on the 23.7% increase in medical insurance for the 2008-2009 school year.

At 7:40 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
October 25, 2007
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

The Wentworth School Board meeting began at 5:00 PM. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of School Board interviews and personnel. At 5:29 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session.

The school board announced the appointment of Bernice Sullivan to the Wentworth School Board. Mrs. Gaides will write a letter to the people who interviewed for the position.

At 5:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
November 19, 2007
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Andrew Schalm, Laurie Melanson, Chelsea Brown, Patty Welch, Bruce Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Coykendall, Marykate Melanson, MacKenzie Hatch

The Wentworth School Board meeting began at 5:00 PM. Marykate Melanson and MacKenzie Hatch, student council members, provided their monthly student council report.

At 5:10 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel. The vote was unanimous. At 6:05 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session. No action was taken as a result of the non-public session. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Review and Disposition – Addition of October 25, 2007 minutes.

Minutes of September 10, 2007 – Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the minutes of October 22 and 25, 2007. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the basketball season, the grades 7-8 camping trip to Pinkham Notch and the Service Learning project. The school collected 293 items for the food bank!

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – Mrs. Gaides distributed NH Schools Boards Association Right to Know Guidelines. Mr. Bruce Labs, Superintendent of SAU #23 Schools, notified the Wentworth School Board (via letter) of a meeting between the Wentworth School Board and the Warren School Board on November 27th at 6:30 PM at the Wentworth School.

Discussion Items—The Career and Art Curriculum Guides were discussed. Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison to approve the Career and Art Curriculum Guides. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2008-2011 as presented by the Wentworth Teachers' Association. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Gaides presented the 2008-2009 DRAFT #1 of the Wentworth School District budget to the school board and public. Discussion ensued regarding the co-curricular salaries noting that the total should be $3,900. Also, the school sponsored athletics coaches salaries were discussed noting that the total should be $3,100. During the December 10th meeting, the budget will continue to be discussed.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Faculty, staff, students and community for their efforts in helping to accomplish the goal of collecting items for the food bank.
- Mr. Schalm, Mr. Blake, Mrs. Melanson, Mrs. Young, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Hogan, and Mrs. Barton for providing the extra time needed to allow the grades 7-8 students the Pinkham Notch experience.
- Mrs. Zimmerman for mating the Red Ribbon Week a success.
- Troopers Koehler and Vestal of the NH State Police and Officer Don Jones of the Wentworth Police Department for sharing with students their roles as law enforcement personnel. Also to K9 Remington for his time!
- Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Young for serving 130 Thanksgiving lunches. Also to the 8th grade class for helping set-up, clean-up and serving; grades 1-4 or making the centerpieces for the tables; grades 5-6 for making the invitations.
- CADY and Mrs. Sutherland for their time and energy during our Red Ribbon Week events.

Mr. Morrison recognized and thanks Ms. Sullivan for becoming a school board member.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #1B, A/P #17, P/R #11) were reviewed and signed by the school board. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to appoint (in accordance with RSA 197:24-a) Maria Young as acting district treasurer to perform the duties of the office for a limited period of time. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:40 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
December 10, 2007
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Mr. and Mrs. Coykendall, Tristan Blake, Tanya O'Brien

At 6:00 PM, Ms. Sullivan motioned, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of student information deemed confidential. The vote was unanimous. At 6:17 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to re-enter public session. The school board moved the parent request. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of November 19, 2007 – Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of November 19, 2007. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the basketball season, the art project sent to our troops (with supplies donated by Wal-Mart of Tilton), grant to offset the cost of transportation for the ski program this year, and the 7th grade science class project. The elementary grades are making items for the community closet of Plymouth.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – Robertson Transit Proposal for contract extension was given to the school board. The schedule of the budget hearing and district meeting was distributed.

Discussion Items—
The Wentworth School District Technology Plan for 2007-2010 was reviewed and discussed. On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Lee Morrison, the Board voted to approve the Technology Plan. The vote was unanimous.

Draft #1 of the 2008-2009 budget was reviewed. It was requested that Mr. Jon Francis look at budget options for removal of remaining asbestos in the building. There will be a budget work session on January 8, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

The necessary chimney system work will be completed over December vacation for safety reasons.

The Robertson Transit Proposal was discussed. The school board directed Mrs. Gaides to have the company put together a proposal for one bus as there are 53 students projected for the 2008-2009 school year.

There will be ½ day of school on December 21 and on January 8.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Janice Comeau for bringing in hot chocolate and cookies for the staff before Thanksgiving break.
- Carmelina Fauteux and Ms. Becker for their extra time and energy in finding the donations, putting together the materials, and the sewing machines for the project.
- Lauren Zimmerman and staff for putting together a fun evening of making the Gingerbread House. The proceeds of this event benefit the scholarship fund.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #20) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 7:35 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel and a legal matter. The vote was unanimous. At 8:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to accept the resignation (with regret) of Katie Ladouceur, physical education teacher. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Michael Rathgeber, physical education teacher. The vote was unanimous.

It was requested of Mrs. Gaides to seek legal advice on a legal matter.

At 6:40 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Unofficial

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
January 14, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, and Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Phoebe Sanborn

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of December 10, 2007 – Mrs. Mack motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of December 10, 2007. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the basketball season, the approval of Wentworth Elementary School's Technology Plan from the NH DOE for the next three years, the service-learning project for grades 1-4, and the Student Achiever Night Program to see the Manchester Monarchs. Over the winter break, the school building had some needed maintenance and repairs done to the chimney pipe and tiles in the floor. A new CO2 detector was installed and the eighth grade classroom was repainted. On Friday, January 11th, WES received news that a competitive Digital Tools grant was awarded in the sum of $10,343.00 to help in the development of the schools digital portfolio process. The school enrollment (grades 1-8) as of January 1, 2008 stands at 54 students.

On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – The proposed 2008-2009 SAU #48 school calendar was distributed to the Board (for discussion at the February School Board meeting). A critical bridge deficiency report was given to the Board. The meeting minutes of the Warren and Wentworth School Boards (on November 27, 2007) were distributed to the Board. A memo regarding additional special education costs impacting the 2008-2009 school budget was distributed to the Board.

Discussion Items—
Draft #3 of the 2008-2009 budget was reviewed. The additional special education costs were included in Draft #3. Discussion ensued regarding Draft #3. Robertson Transit did not prepare a new proposal for the Board to review.

There were several adjustments made to Draft #3 to decrease the total district funds to an amount below last year's district funds. A discussion ensued regarding the unreserved fund balance of 2007-2008. It was requested that Dick Petrin write a paragraph explaining how the unreserved fund balance created the change in district assessment that will impact the taxes for 2008-2009.

Additionally, the Board requested that Dick Petrin attend the Budget Hearing on February 11 at 6:00 PM to explain the unreserved fund balance impact to the public. The Board agreed to have the Budget Hearing at 6:00 PM **before** the School Board meeting, so the regular School Board meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on February 11.

There will be ½ day of school on March 27 for Student Led Conferences.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Brian Fairbanks for a wonderful holiday concert.
- Francis Muzzy for his presentation to the 8th grade class on the history of the town of Wentworth as well as a walking tour of the common and historical society.
- Everett Peters of Ashland (Wampanoag Native American) for visiting and sharing his history with grades 4, 5, and 8.
- Julie Panus and Andrew Schalm for extra time in helping the student council with their T Shirt fund raiser.
- Lauren Zimmerman, Phoebe Sanborn, Tanya O'Brien, Ashley Deneau, Deana Toomey for the service learning project work with their students.
- All of the teachers for their input and information for the technology grant and three year technology plan.
- Ethel Gaides for help and expertise in the development of the new three-year technology plan and help in writing the Title IID technology grant.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #23 and #24) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 5:30 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of student information. The vote was unanimous. At 5:50 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to re-enter public session. No action was taken in the non-public session.

At 5:55 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

AGENDA Wentworth School Board

Monday, February 11, 2008
Wentworth Elementary School
7:00 PM

I. **Agenda Review and Disposition**

II. **Minutes of January 14, 2008**

III. **Principal's Report**

IV. **Correspondence**
1. LGC Correspondence

V. **Discussion Items**
1. NECAP Results
2. Proposed 2008-2009 Calendar
3. Computer Use Policy
4. Other Business

VI. **Recognition and Awards**

VII. **Privilege of the Floor #1**

VIII. **Consent Items**
A. Claims and Payroll

IX. **Nonpublic Session (RSA 91-A:3)**
(Exclusive allowable purposes are: personnel issues, nominations and hiring, reputation, sale or acquisition of property, litigation; 91-A:2 (non-meetings) consultant with legal counsel or negotiations; 91-A:5 student records or information deemed confidential, personal or invasion of privacy.)
A. Personnel

Future Meetings: 3/10 4/14 5/12 6/9

February 11 6:00 PM Budget Hearing

March 8 3:00 pm Annual District Meeting

Unofficial

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
February 11, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison and Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Scott Vien, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Don Bagley, Andrew Schalm, Ginny Gove, Dawn Gove, John Millican, Angela Comeau, Mrs. Friedrich, Kenyon Carl, Brian Fairbanks

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of January 14, 2008 – Ms. Sullivan motioned, seconded by Mr. Morrison to accept the minutes of January 14, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the basketball season with the boy's team taking first place in the Pemi-Baker league. The Project Playwright is in its second year with participation in grades 5 and 6. The NECAP scores were shared and discussed with Wentworth Elementary Schools among the highest within SAU #48. To date the school has had 5 days cancelled due to the weather, 6 delayed openings, and 1 early dismissal.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – Local Government Center correspondence was given to the Board.

Discussion Items— The proposed 2008-2009 calendar was discussed with input from the faculty and administration. It will be reviewed at the March School Board meeting. Concerns were raised regarding the Computer Use Policy in regards to student personal laptop use. Mr. Korade, SAU #48's Information Technology Director will address the Board and public at the March School Board meeting. The request for the parking lot to be used by the 8th grade during the summer of 2008 was approved.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Coach Scott Vien and his basketball teams for a very exciting season.
- Mrs. Kerry Brown and Mrs. Lynn Vien for organizing the basketball game and the potluck supper.

- Mr. Jim George (Principal of Campton Elementary School) for being the official of the basketball game.
- To the entire WES school for their wonderful NECAP test results.

Privilege of the Floor – It was requested that the Board include the Warrant Article for $10,000 to be added to the School District Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to move the 2008-2009 budget to the Annual District Meeting on March 8 at 3:00 PM with the additional Warrant Article for $10,000 to be added to the School District Building Capital Reserve Fund. The vote was unanimous.

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 8:35 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel. The vote was unanimous. At 9:12 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to re-enter public session. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the resignation of Marianne Calkins. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to ratify the encumbrance of $50,000 to cover unanticipated special education tuition as of 6/30/07.

At 9:15 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Unofficial

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
2008-2009 Budget Hearing
February 11, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison and Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Scott Vien, Ellie Murray, Francis Muzzey, Don Bagley, Andrew Schalm, Ginny Gove, Dawn Gove, John Millican, Angela Comeau, Mrs. Friedrich, Kenyon Carl, Brian Fairbanks

The budget hearing meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Lee Morrison.

Each line of the 2008-2009 budget was discussed. Enrollments, grade configurations and percentage of special education students were shared with the public. Discussion ensued regarding kindergarten, special education services, library and technology services, bus transportation, the School District Building Capital Reserve Fund and the need for a Warrant Article of $10,000 to be added to the School District Building Capital Reserve Fund, and projected capital expenses.

On the revenue data sheet, as of 6/30/2007, Wentworth had an unreserved fund balance of $36,769. This is treated by the NH Department of Revenue Administration as income for the following school year 07/08, and as a result, the tax rate is set to raise this much less from the taxpayers for that school year. Approximately half of the above mentioned balance was the result of savings realize on the mechanical renovations completed at the school. Given that this amount is reflected as revenue for 07-08, and there is no corresponding revenue projected for 08/09, the District Assessment will increase by this amount.

At 7:45 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the budget hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Unofficial

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
March 10, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present (Wentworth): Lee Morrison and Kathleen Mack

Administration Present (Wentworth): Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides, Tim Korade

Public Present: Laurie Melanson, Tanya O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

At 6:02 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel. The vote was unanimous. At 6:20 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack for the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark J. Halloran, to petition the Superior Court for a Special District Meeting on the following appropriation:

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement reached between the Wentworth School Board and the Wentworth Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year:	Estimated:
2008-2009	$21,004
2009-2010	$22,462

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand four dollars ($21,004) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required).

The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of January 8, 2008 Budget Work Session, February 11, 2008 Budget Hearing, and February 11, 2008 School Board Meeting – Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the minutes of January 8, 2008 and February 11, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the snow build up which has bowed one of the exterior gym walls. The snow has been removed and it appears there is no further bowing. Jon Francis is in the process of making contact with the insurance company to view the exterior gym walls.

The winter program has come to a close. There were two days missed due to weather that were made up; the last of which occurred on Friday, March 7. This was a school sponsored program as funds for transportation were paid for out of a school grant.

To date the school has had 8 days cancelled due to the weather, 7 delayed openings, and 1 early dismissal. Beginning on Monday, March 10, there is a 15 minute extension to the school day, agreed by the teacher's union, school board, and SAU office. The last day of school will be calculated at a later date. Additionally, it was noted that the school day was increased by 15 minutes at the beginning of the school day (beginning in August).

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – none

Discussion Items— Mr. Korade, SAU #48's Information Technology Director addressed the Board and public regarding computer policy and personal laptop concerns. It was noted that it would cost $6,000-$8,000 to set up the infrastructure to support personal laptop use by students at the school. It is not recommended at this time. Updated computer policies will be addressed by Mr. Korade at the SAU #48 May meeting and then brought to the Wentworth School Board for review.

The proposed 2008-2009 calendar was reviewed. Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack the approval of the 2008-2009 calendar as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Mr. Morrison to encumber $14,000 for summer school, technology, and building maintenance. The vote was unanimous.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Andrew Schalm and the student council for all their efforts in putting together a great winter carnival afternoon.
- Members of the Wentworth PTO for the work they have done this year for the school.
- Wentworth School Board for putting together a fiscally responsible budget for 2008-2009.
- Wentworth Highway Department (Bobby Cass) for all his help with snow removal over the break.
- Kevin Patten for allowing Richard Young to use his tracker to remove snow from the side of the building which was creating a wall bowing issue.
- Richard Young, Maria Young, Shawn and Eric Young for all their time they spent removing snow form the side of the building one day during their vacation time.

- Dr. Ethel Gaides (Dr. Suess) for coming to the school to read to grades one through eight students during read across America celebration.

Mr. Morrison recognized Ms. Sullivan and Mrs. Mack for their tireless efforts and expertise during the annual school district meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2008.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #30, #31, P/R #20) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 7:15 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel and request of two parents. The vote was unanimous. At 7:45 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, to re-enter public session. Mrs. Gaides will respond in writing to one of the parent's requests. Mr. Charpienter will follow-up with a phone call regarding the other parent request. At 7:46 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Unofficial

Wentworth School Board
Meeting Minutes
Wentworth, NH
March 19, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, and Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

At 5:00 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of student issues. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:30 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to re-enter public session. No action by the School Board.

At 6:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

Unofficial

Wentworth School Board
Meeting Minutes
Wentworth, NH
March 26, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, and Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier, Ethel Gaides

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

At 5:00 PM, Mr. Morrison motioned, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel. The vote was unanimous.

At 5:25 PM, it was moved by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to re-enter public session.

The slate of nominations for the 2008-2009 school year as presented by administration was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Ms. Sullivan. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack for the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Mark J. Halloran, to petition the Superior Court for a Special District Meeting on the following appropriation:

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement reached between the Wentworth School Board and the Wentworth Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year:	Estimated:
2008-2009	$21,004
2009-2010	$22,462

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand four dollars ($21,004) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required).

The vote was unanimous.

At 5:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

OFFICIAL

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
April 14, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier and Ethel Gaides

Public Present: Ginny Gove

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan (providing the court grants a special district meeting) to hold a budget hearing after the court grants a special district meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of March 10, 19, and 26 2008 School Board Meeting – Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the minutes of March 10, 19, and 26 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the Student Led Conferences that were held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

The Semi-Finalist and Runner-ups for this year's Project Playwright were:
Semi-Finalist Christopher Comeau; Runner-ups included Mary Kate Melanson and Jeremiah Goss.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – Kindergarten letter from Rose Darrow concerning two kindergarten students; Special School District Meeting letter

Discussion Items—Fire Report. A walk-through of the building needs to take place so that a current fire report can be filed with the New Hampshire Department of Education.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Tristan Blake for being nominated as English/Language Arts teacher of the year by the NH Council of Teachers of English
- Brian Fairbanks for arranging an accapella group from PSU

- Maria Young and members of the PTO for Penny Social work
- Faculty, staff, students and parents for a wonderful Student Led Conference day.

Privilege of the Floor – none

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll were reviewed and signed by the school board. The teachers' contracts for 2008-2009 were signed.

At 7:47 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of personnel and student issues. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:20 PM, it was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Morison, to re-enter public session.

Mrs.Gaides will follow-up with concerns regarding the student issue. Mrs. Gaides will check with Mr. Petrin, SAU #48 accountant, regarding 8th grade fund raising, in answer to school board questions of funds raised by the 8th grade.

In regards to snow days, as of May 30, Wentworth students will have made up 4.5 days of school from the extended days. Mr. Charpentier will document this and ask Mr. Halloran to request a waiver from the commissioner of 4.5 days. In reviewing the school calendar, this would make the last day of school June 10, if the waiver is approved. On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the request for a waiver of 4.5 days. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

OFFICIAL

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
May 12, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier and Ethel Gaides
Public Present: 28 community members

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Community members discussed the 8th grade class trip with the School Board. Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to approve the DRAFT itinerary of the proposed class trip with a behavior contract to be used as permission slip with student and parent signatures. Receipts must be submitted to the SAU office for all activities pertaining to the class trip for accounting and audit purposes. The School Board will review the final itinerary, list of chaperones, assurances of automobile insurance for liability, etc. as soon as it is available. The vote was unanimous.
The discussion ended at 7:50 PM.

Agenda Review and Disposition – No additions.

Minutes of April 14, 2008 School Board Meeting – Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the minutes of April 14, 2008 as amended. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the school board and public on the May activities.

Congratulations to Christopher Comeau for winning this year's Judges Choices Award at Northern New England Primary Playwrights Festival. He was awarded a new personal laptop computer, and $1,000 was given for the school library media center.

Wentworth Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) again this year. This included grades 3-8 NECAP NH state tests results in language arts, mathematics, and writing.

On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – Letter from Grafton County Court regarding the June 12, 2008 9:00 AM hearing for a special district meeting; memo from Mr. Petrin RE: fundraising

Discussion Items—The student handbook for 2008-2009 was discussed by Mr. Charpentier.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Mrs. Melanson for extra help in making this year's Project Playwright an enjoyable experience for students.
- To the Cast, Crew and everyone at Northern Stage for all they did to support the 5th and 6th graders.
- Mrs. Duchette for supporting her class for Project Playwright and for the wonderful school newspaper.
- Mr. Patten for allowing the school the use of his tracker and to Mr. Young for all his extra work on the new stone for the back of the school.
- Mr. Blake, cast, and crew for a wonderful play production.
- Students for excellent job on making AYP.

Privilege of the Floor – Requests by parents for two separate non-public sessions regarding two separate student issues.

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 8:00 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose student issue. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:40 PM, it was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to re-enter public session.

At 8:41 PM, Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to go into non-public for the purpose of student issue. The vote was unanimous.

At 10:05 PM, it was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Morrison, to re-enter public session.

Student A: graduate with 8th grade class (unanimous) and attend the field trip (2 yes; 1 no). Student B: graduate with 8th grade class and attend the field trip (2 no; 1 yes). Both students may attend the school dances (unanimous). Mrs. Gaides will write letters to the parents involved in non-public sessions regarding decisions made by the School Board.

Mr. Charpentier will send home a letter to parents regarding reinforcing the school dress code. On a motion by Mrs. Mack, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the slate of nominations for support staff for the 2008-2009 school year were approved. The vote was unanimous.

At 10:50 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

OFFICIAL

Wentworth School Board
Wentworth, NH
June 2, 2008
Minutes

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack, Bernice Sullivan

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier and Ethel Gaides
Public Present: Laurie Melanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Laurie Melanson discussed the 8th grade class trip with the School Board. Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison to approve the itinerary of the class trip to Six Flags in Springfield on June 3 and to Boston, returning on June 5. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Review and Disposition – Addition of Robertson Bus Contract to discussion items.

Minutes of May 12, 2008 School Board Meeting – Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to accept the minutes of May 12, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the School Board on the baseball seasons with a final record of 8 winds and 0 losses. What a year for all our sports teams! The 8th grade class attended the Operation Impact Program put on by the Grafton County Department of Corrections. The program is geared to inform young people of the possible consequences of negative behavior.
On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – The request for the waiver of remaining school days (due to the snow storms this past winter) was approved by the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education. Recognition letters of staff members were shared with the School Board.

Discussion Items—Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to approve the student handbook for 2008-2009. The vote was unanimous. The School Board will continue to meet the second Monday of each month for the summer (July 14 and August 11).

Mr. Morrison moved, Bernice seconded the approval of the Robertson Transit Bus Contract through 2013. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack the date of September 6, 2008 at 3:00 PM for a Special School District Meeting if the court decision on June 12 is affirmative.

The School Board reviewed the 2007-2008 budget. Dr. Gaides recognized Mr. Charpientier for being fiscally responsible with the budget. Discussion ensued over the progress of our five year building maintenance capital expenses plan. The bathrooms need renovation and asbestos abatement. Carpeting needs to continue in its planned rotation throughout the building with asbestos abatement as needed. Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Ms. Sullivan to encumber 2007-2008 funds for unbudgeted and unanticipated expenses related to oil ($10,000), special education ($20,000), maintenance and repairs ($78,735), additional kindergarten tuition ($6,000), and legal fees ($4,000). Additionally, the motion included $1,000 in merit pay to Mr. Richard Young, $1,000 in merit pay to Mrs. Maria Young, and $5,000 as a medical adjustment for Mr. Charpentier. The vote was unanimous.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Faculty, Staff and Students for an enjoyable 2007-2008 school year
- Members of the School Board and Dr. Gaides for support and guidance. The dedication to the school, community, and students is greatly appreciated.
- Mrs. Laurie Melanson for her organization to make the 8th grade trip possible and to the parents: Mr. Scott Vien, Mrs. Lynn Vien, Mrs. Kerry Brown, Mrs. Lisa Ames, and Mr. William Melanson for chaperoning the 8th grade class trip with Mrs. Laurie Melanson.
- Mrs. Kerry Brown and Ms. Lauren Zimmerman for driving the 8th grade class to the Operation Impact Program.
- Mr. Francis Muzzey for visiting the 3rd and 4th grade classroom and for providing the students with a historical tour of the town and historical society building.
- Mrs. Heather Clark, Mrs. Sarah Cormiea, Ms. Ashley Deneau, and Mrs. Kathryn Dunkin for help in chaperoning the semi-formal dance. Thanks also to Officer Mr. Pete Chierichetti for his time.

Privilege of the Floor – None (no one asked to speak).

Consent Items-Claims and Payroll (A/P #39, #40; P/R #26, #27) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 8:30 PM, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Morrison

OFFICIAL

Wentworth School Board
Minutes of July 14, 2008
Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Lee Morrison, Kathleen Mack,

Administration Present: Keith Charpentier and Dr. Ethel Gaides

Public Present: no public present

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m..

Agenda Review and Disposition – Nothing added or deleted.

Minutes of May 12, 2008 School Board Meeting – Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison to accept the minutes of June 2, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

Principal's Report – Mr. Charpentier updated the School Board on the renovations taking place at the school. New computers have arrived, the old bathrooms have been removed and ready to install new ones and the abatement is complete. Summer School is underway for the regular and special education. New teachers are Dorothy Beadle for special education; Marc Rondeau will be the computer teacher and Sarah Cormiea 5&6 grade teacher. Interviews are currently being scheduled for the positions still vacant.
On a motion by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack, the Board voted to approve the principal's report. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence – Dr. Ethel Gaides shared her letter to Ms. Paula K. Davis, Supervisor of the checklist with regard to the requirements for the special school district meeting on September 6, 2008 which has been approve by the Grafton County Superior Court.
Mr. Morrison will contact Don Bagley regarding scheduling a meeting between Warren and Wentworth School Board.

Discussion Items— Mr. Charpentier went over estimates from vendors for the summer renovations.

School Board meetings were scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. with the exception of August which will be held at 5:00 p.m. with the

budget hearing to follow at 6:00 p.m.. October and November meetings will be the 3rd Monday of the month and held at 5:00p.m.

The board accepted, with regret, the resignations of Brooke Duchette and Laurie Melanson.

Mr. Morrison moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack to accept the nominations for Dorothy Beadle as Special Education Teacher, Sarah Cormiea as Fifth and Sixth Grade Teacher and Marc Rondeau as Computer Teacher. The vote was unanimous.

Recognition and Awards – Mr. Charpentier recognized the following:

- Wentworth School Board for continued support to the Administration of this school and the children of the community.
- John Francis for his work with coordinating all the vendors for the summer renovations.
- Andrew Schalm and Erin Decotis for all their hard work during summer school.

Privilege of the Floor – None

Consent Items- Claims and Payroll (A/P# 2 and A/P# 3) were reviewed and signed by the school board.

At 7:25 p.m, it was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Mack to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany A. Mohan
School Board Secretary