

Wentworth School Board  
Monday, September 19, 2016  
Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell

Administration Present: Kyla Welch, Assistant Superintendent  
Joe Sampson, Principal

Public Present: Staff Member Sarah Cormiea

4:30 p.m. Non public session

4:45 p.m. Public Session

Motion: Melisa Farrell Second: Kevin Kay

Agenda Review and Disposition: Nothing added

Minutes of August 15, 2016 Approved as written

Motion: Melisa Farrell Second: Kevin Kay

Superintendents Report:

Bus company was sold last week. Mark Halloren and Kyla Welch meeting with new owners and offering benefits to drivers and it will not affect our contract. Auditors will be in first week of October at SAU office. We will be meeting Wed with Principals on the Superintendent's Council to discuss when we are going to release Smarter Balance, State Testing results to parents. There has been a significant increase, SAU-wide, in homeless kids and we are preparing to keep a watch on this.

Principals Report:

Enrollment: 58 students Family of 3 moved out

Building:

Scoreboard coming soon! AV equipment completely done/operational  
Old baseball backboard is being torn down by community, field re-lined.  
Exterior doors are being fixed to assure a secure environment

New iPads have been purchased for K-1.

Buying Chromebooks and ordered for grades 2-5.

All current portable computers will be inventoried, repaired and distributed to middle school students so that every student has a machine that is dependable. We can track computers with problems a little easier now.

### Staff:

We will have a staff member at every PTO meeting and every School Board meeting for this year.

All co-curriculars are finished/assigned/starting next week: drama, sports, peer leadership, etc.

Nicole Oesch and Zach Denoncour are the 8th grade advisors.

- Fundraisers have been scheduled
- Student have begun planning their trip for the spring

Staff Shout out: Tristan Blake helped prepare kids for the country gospel night! His enthusiasm helped motivate the kids to prepare for the show.

### Students:

Country Gospel Night - Huge success

Field Trip scheduled at Beans and Greens in Gilford NH. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Kids will learn about local crops and farm animals. They will do a corn maze, and hayride. They will also have lunch at the farm too!

### Sports:

Soccer Moving right along Running club beginning this Friday.

### COMMUNITY SHOUT OUT:

A big thanks for Margaret Bickford and Roland Bixby for reaching out to school and asking us to be a part of Country Gospel night, Market Day, and Septemberfest as part of the 250th celebration.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fundraiser for hunting season
- Fall Festival Trunk or Treating October 27

### PTO

Upcoming events: no discussion

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bullying policy amended – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

Motion to accept: Kevin Kay Second: Melisa Farrell

New club for consideration: National Junior Honor Society

Joe Sampson discussed ideas for beginning a National Junior Honor Society.

- It provides kids an opportunity to be academic leaders in community.
- Membership is transferable
- Raises the bar for kids to prove their leadership by doing good things for our school community and greater community.
- Very easy to implement. Guidelines available for how to put group together.

- Bylaws NJHS available
- Annual fee for school 385.00
- Staff for position has been selected Sarah Cormiea
- Thornton Elementary School is the only other school in this district with NJHS. We will be able to collaborate with that school on some events to save money.
- Details of our own personal program will be determined upon acceptance.

Privilege of the Floor: Keri Bassingthwaite spoke to the Board about implementing upper body exercise equipment for students. Discussion followed with suggestions to Kari to do some more investigating and gather some information and bring back to Board. She will look at Grants. Look into what the PTO could do and look at their existing 'playground folder'.

Lot of great options out there, whether to add to existing equipment or look into new equipment. The Board is okay for Kari to explore.

#### Consent Items

1. Claims and payroll
2. Correspondence: Audit Engagement letter

#### Non-Public Session meeting results:

To accept the nomination of Hannah Parquet for Special aide

Motion: Melisa Farrell Kevin Kay seconded

#### Future School Board meetings

4:30 non-public 4:45 public session Future meetings: 10/17, 11/21, 12/19, 1/tbd, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19

Meeting ended 5:50

Respectfully Submitted: Martha E. Morrill