

Wentworth School Board  
Monday Oct 16, 2017  
Wentworth Elementary School

Board Members Present: Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell

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

Public Present: Teacher Sarah Cormiea      Mark DeBeber Durham Bus Service Rep.

4:00 p.m. Non-public session    None

4:05 p.m. Public Session  
Open the meeting

Motion: Kevin Kay      Second: Melisa Farrell

**Agenda Review and Disposition:**

Minutes of August 21, 2017 meeting were approved by the board.

Motion: Kevin Kay                      Second: Melisa Farrell    All in Favor

**Superintendents Report:**

Mrs. Welch reported that they had a good school opening. The biggest issue they have been dealing with, an issue that is Sau wide, is with the transient population and an increase of homeless students.

Mrs. Welch added that they are scheduling several Middle School/ High School collaboration meetings for English and Math and eventually Science teachers to make sure students from elementary and middle school are on the right track going into high school. There has been lots of good feedback on the PowerSchool Teacher App to sync grades and keep track of student's progress. This App allows parents to check on their child's progress

**Principal's Report 9/18/17 10/16/17**

1. Enrollment 58
2. Safety:

September:

- a. We had our first meeting. Chief Ames/Trott came and participated in a Code Blue (Lockdown) Drill.
- b. Testing EAlert with Holderness Central School
  - i. If it works, we will implement it
- c. Chief Ames/Trott will join staff for a Faculty Meeting in October to discuss EOP and Procedures as well as answer questions.

October:

- d. EAlert Test went fine, moving toward implementation

- e. We did a Code White Drill (Soft Lock Down) and a Code Red (Evacuation)
- f. We received and rolled out our new CODE tags for all staff and visitors.
- g. We had a staff meeting with Chief Trott to review Safety Plan as well as have a discussion about active shooter scenarios.

3. Building:

- a. Tom is doing a fabulous job
  - b. He has already done more projects that I can count!
    - i. Backboards/Hoops
      - ii. Computer/iPad storage
      - iii. Installed door stops
      - iv. Installed trash can clips
      - v. Completed all punch list items on pest control list
      - vi. Fixed numerous broken chairs/desks
      - vii. Completely cleaned and organized back hallway
      - viii. Completely cleaned and organized all storage buildings
      - ix. Helped assemble goals
      - x. Errands (Dump, keys,)
      - xi. School is sparkling daily/washes all floors daily
- 4. Students
  - . Kids are settled in and working hard.
    - a. Practicing school SOAR expectations around the building
      - . 8th grade is helping this process by leading Morning Meetings weekly.
        - b. NJHS members planning relief effort fundraising for Hurricane Irma and Harvey.
      - c. There is a Student Technology Leadership grant that was awarded to the school district. We are selecting 3-6 students to participate in this program. Generation YES. There will be a training for kids (Lunch included) on November 1st. These students will learn how to teach their peers how to use technology effectively in the classroom.
      - d. 8th grade has already raised over 3200.00 towards their trip! Nice work!!
- 5. Staff
  - . Chris Misavage and I applied for a Robotics grant through the state of NH. If the grant is awarded we will partner with the PSU computer science department for a camp and competition!
    - a. Patti Malone (one of our new Paraprofessionals and Librarian) is offering the first after school camp this year. It is a creative writing camp for grades 2-8.
- 6. Community Shout Out!
  - . Deda Whilms and Nancy Strapko. They are built and painted four benches for our soccer field!!
- 7. Other

- . We put together a google form and survey for parents regarding changing the school day. The results were 34 total responses, 3 were no.
  - a. Staff is in agreement according to Union President that if the school day start/end time is changed, they agree to the change.
- 8. Past Events
- . Open House
  - a. Soccer Season
  - b. NJHS Fundraiser for Hurricane Relief
    - . We made the paper!
- 9. Upcoming Events
- . Parent Teacher Conferences
  - a. Fall Festival
    - . Trunk or Treat
      - i. Scavenger Hunt
      - b. Thanksgiving Dinner/Turkey Trott
  - c. Running Club
  - d. Writing Club
  - e. NJHS Ceremony

## **Discussion items:**

1. Durham Bus Service: A representative from Durham Bus Services, Mark DeBeber, introduced himself to School Board and asked if they had any problems so far.  
Mr. DeBeber spoke to us about differences in their fleet, their accountability for child checks and other pertinent points and commented about the staffing issue and how it is a national problem across the U.S.  
Kevin Kay said that they have been happy so far, no complaints. Joe Sampson, Principal commented how impressed he was so far.
2. Change of school time. Should we make the change 8:15-3:00. Joe Sampson will talk to teachers and make the time change the first of year.
3. Records Retention Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> reading Updated policy to match the Special Ed requirements saying we are required to keep the last IEP of a child on file until they are 60 years old.  
Motion to approve  
Keven Kay approved Melisa Farrell seconded All in Favor
4. Capital Improvement Prep – Fire Alarm System looked at, punch list of things we need done. Ultimately you need a new fire alarm system. Recommend to put on Warrant article and have town look at it. Projected cost of 55,000 John Frances will ask the Fire Chief to speak to this.

## 5. Other Business

Discussion followed on possible safety issues over present parent pick up procedures. Joe Sampson will send a letter to parents on child pick up safety issues and have cones set up to help direct cars.

A follow up on whether the Taekwondo Business from Warren received notification that they could no longer use the WES facilities to store equipment and practice. They were notified and nothing further developed.

### **Privilege of the Floor:**

None

### **Consent Items**

1. Claims and Payroll
2. Correspondence No correspondence items.

Nonpublic Session (RSA 01-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.)

Meeting ended: 5:05

Future Meetings: 11/20,12/18

Respectfully Submitted: Martha E. Morrill

*Martha E. Morrill*