

**RUMNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 16, 2009
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Paula Ferenc, Yvon Cloutier, Jennifer Miller, Jerry Thibodeau

Administration Present: Holly Barrett-Morse, Ethel Gaides

Others Present: Kim Catucci, Mary Hulse

Non-Public Session: Ms. Ferenc made the motion at 5:10PM to enter into non-public session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Cloutier seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Public Session: Mr. Cloutier made the motion at 5:50PM to enter into public session. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion and all approved. Based on discussion held during the non-public session, Mr. Cloutier made the motion to ratify the recently negotiated one year contract with the Rumney Teachers Association for the 2010/2011 school year. Mr. Thibodeau seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Agenda Review: The wellness policy is tabled until next month. Dr. Gaides requested the addition of discussions on the Robertson Transit contract extension, the Russell Sisters Trust and warrant articles. These items will be covered when the budget is discussed.

Minutes of November 18, 2009: Ms. Ferenc made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Miller seconded, all approved.

Privilege of the floor – none

Principals Report: Ms. Morse reported that the state public health department has offered a free H1N1 vaccine to all students and staff. This is voluntary and to be administered by permission only. The winter concert was held recently with an 80% participation rate. A nice program was presented by Mr. Fairbanks.

Budget Dates: Proposed meeting dates to present and deliberate the 2010/2011 budget are Wednesday January 6, 2010 for the budget hearing and Wednesday, February 3, 2010 for the deliberative session. Town voting day is Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Mr. Cloutier

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made the motion to accept these dates as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Budget Discussion: Transportation, page 12 – Mr. Cloutier made the motion to accept the transportation contract extension as presented by Robertson Transit. Mr. Thibodeau seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Russell Sisters Trust – based on correspondence from the trustees of the fund, the board agreed to request \$11,000 of the available earned income.

After school program – Dr. Gaides reported that the grant used to fund this program will continue for another three years.

Draft Two of the 2010/2011 budget was reviewed in detail. This draft has resulted in a net reduction of expenses of \$25,267.

Mr. Cloutier made a motion to allocate a 1.5% increase to support staff payroll. Ms. Ferenc seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Mr. Cloutier made a motion to cut the position of one classroom aide from the proposed budget. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Ms. Ferenc made the motion to present a warrant article to take \$20,000 from the special education capital reserve fund to help offset the increased special education costs for 2010/2011. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was called and the final vote was two in favor and two opposed. The motion does not pass.

Ms. Ferenc then made the motion to approve the budget with the changes as approved this evening. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. With one vote in favor and three opposed, the motion fails.

Another meeting is set for Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 5:30PM to make the final decisions regarding the budget

Ms. Ferenc made the motion at 8:05PM to adjourn. Mrs. Miller seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McQuinn-Downing