

Chester-Andover Elementary School Board Minutes
December 11, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

Present

Board: Alison DesLauriers-Chair, Arne Jonynas-Vice Chair, Betsy Hart, Amanda Bourque and Ginger Roper

Administration: Ed Brown-Superintendent, Penny Kraft-Principal, and Jason Morse-Assistant Principal

Public/Staff: Linda Limoges, Michelle Robidoux, Linda Morton, Jack Carroll and Meredith Austin-Business Manager

1. Call to Order: Alison called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2006: Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2006 as presented. All approved.
3. Reports:
 - a) Finance: None
 - b) Superintendent: None
 - c) Principal: None
 - d) Assistant Principal: None
 - e) Board: Arne said the facilities committee had a meeting this morning with Ed and they are going to set up a meeting with Kathy Hilgendorf from the state to discuss a list of the projects the school needs to have done and what it will need in the next 10 years. They would like to get input from some staff and community members. Arne said the school is currently at capacity. Alison asked that the committee look at the projected enrollment of the school. Discussion ensued.
4. Hot Lunch Price Proposal-Jack Carroll, Food Service Program Director: Jack passed out an overview of the food service program at CAES and a proposal for an increase in the lunch prices for the 2007-2008 year. The lunch price is currently \$1.75 and Jack is proposing an increase to \$2.25. Breakfast will not change. Discussion ensued. Ginger asked about the accountability program to see what is being charged. Jack said the system is part of PowerSchool and will be set up at CAES this year and will be in place at GMUHS next year. Ginger asked why Jack chose \$2.25. He said it was the high end of the state average. Discussion ensued. Alison asked the board to think about this for the January 8th meeting.
5. Budget Discussion: Alison said the finance committee met earlier and she went over some changes. Health insurance will not exceed 8.5%. They are still tweaking where some of the costs of the teaching assistants should be billed. The cost of oil will change. They need one new personal care attendant for a high needs student coming into kindergarten next year. This is a new cost. After the Title I presentation at the last meeting, Penny is recommending the board add a 50% Title I teacher in the budget. Some of the cost would be offset by the Title I assistant position. It would be about a \$9,300.00 impact to the budget. Discussion ensued. This budget has a 6.5% increase to the assessment. They are going to review the teaching assistants, the electric and the fuel costs. Ginger made a motion to support the recommendation of the administration to increase Title I by a .50 FTE. All approved.
6. Other Business: None
7. New Agenda Items: January meetings: January 8th and January 22nd.

8. Executive Session – If Necessary: Ginger made a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations at 5:57 p.m. All approved.

9. Adjournment: Amanda made a motion to adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia M. Walsh Mack
Recording Secretary