

SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION - 1 - October 29, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the SCS Media Center.

Present: Mr. Roger Rawlings, Chairman, Presiding; Mrs. Clare Rashkoff, Mr. Brian Bartram, Mr. Bob Riva, Ms. Jennifer Weigel, Mr. James Meyer, Board Members; Mr. Chris Butwill, Principal; Ms. Patricia Chamberlain, Superintendent; Ms. Lori Tompkins, Board Clerk; Mrs. Holly P. Reid, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Amanda Halle, Region One Representative; Ms. Jeanine Coleman, Ms. Gayle Christinat, Teachers; Mrs. Pat Stevens, Transportation; Ms. Linda Smith, Parent; Mr. Terry Cowgill (Parent), Reporter.

Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Bartram and seconded by Mr. Rawlings.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting had two spelling corrections. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved on a motion made by Mr. Bartram and seconded by Ms. Weigel.

Financial Report: The financial report was accepted as presented.

Communications to the Board: The PTO reported that the Book Fair was very successful.

Ms. Smith e-mailed the board regarding SCS bus policy. Ms. Smith and Mr. Cowgill were present and a discussion was held about children changing school buses for after school activities. The Transportation Committee will meet to discuss the issues that were brought up.

Mr. Rawlings recognized Mrs. Rashkoff for her four years of service to the BOE and donated a book titled Three Snow Bears to the SCS Library in her honor. He recognized Mr. Bob Riva for his eight years of service to the BOE and donated a book titled Victory to the SCS Library in his honor. He also recognized Mrs. Chris Brennan for her twelve years service to the BOE and donated a book titled Sarah's Ground to the SCS Library in her honor. The board expressed their thanks for the contributions of these three people.

Mrs. Amanda Halle reported for the Region One BOE. The NESAC report is being addressed. Committees have been formed and issues are being addressed.

The Kitchen Tour to support the Musical Theatre Society will take place Saturday November 3, 2007.

Mrs. Halle was pleased to report that the enrollment for the year 2007-2008 was the same as the enrollment for the previous year.

The BOE will put on the dinner for the teachers on November 14, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Principal's Report: Mr. Butwill distributed CMT data to the board. He noted that the faculty had received the reports and that they have met and will address noted areas of concern.

Science teachers in grades five and eight have received information concerning the CMT testing for the spring of 2008. They are working on preparing students for the upcoming testing.

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Mr. Butwill reported that the Open House in the Elementary Building was highly successful, and that the ongoing Book Fair added to the positive atmosphere. The Middle School Open House, held on another night was also well attended and, a Nature's Classroom Meeting took place that evening as well.

Mr. Butwill commended the SCS Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams. Both teams posted winning seasons; Girls - 6-4-1, and Boys - 6-5. He thanked the coaches Mr. Lou Bucceri as Boys' coach, and Miss Allycia Reel as Girls' coach.

Mr. Butwill announced the basketball coaches for the upcoming season. Mr. Anthony O'Neil will coach the Boys' Team and Miss Allycia Reel will coach the Girls' Team.

Superintendent's Report: Ms. Chamberlain announced the Superintendent's Award students, Cassidy XXXXXX and Kevin XXXXXX.

Protocols for cleaning and sanitizing public use areas have been distributed region wide concerning the MRSA staff bacteria.

The Art Garage had a very successful fund raiser at the Morgan Lehman Gallery recently, which raised about \$34,000.

There will be a Region One new board member orientation on December 5, 2007.

Committee Reports: The Budget Committee will begin meeting in December.

The School Plant and Grounds Committee reported the roof is done on the elementary building. The fuel tanks are in. Sam Herrick and Perotti Plumbing and Heating will meet to go over specs for the library heating system. Mr. Riva will follow up with the new board members.

The playing fields need extensive work. If the work is done in the spring and over the summer, the playing fields should be ready for the fall.

Old Business: Ms. Weigel outlined the basic steps to the program review. The committee to evaluate the art program consists of Mr. Tom Gaisford, Mr. Chris Butwill, Ms. Gayle Christinat, Mrs. Janet Block, Mr. Warren Prindle, Ms. Kay Lindsay, Mrs. Diane Shapira, Mr. Jim Meyer, and another board member.

New Business: Mr. Butwill announced that a new paraprofessional has been hired. Ms. Ruth Sales Ramos will begin work on Monday November 5, 2007.

A discussion was held about the rising cost of milk. A motion to eliminate whole milk and raise the price of milk to \$.30 beginning December 1, 2007 was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mrs. Rashkoff, and was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Holly P. Reid
Recording Secretary

Mr. Brian Bartram
Secretary