

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MORRISTOWN, VERMONT
December 8, 2009**

Peter Jones called the regular meeting of the Morristown Board of School Directors to order at 5:05pm with Judy Geer, Will Spalding and Phil Kiely present. Tracy Wrend, Superintendent, Valerie Sullivan, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Phil Grant, PA Principal, Wendy Baker, PAML Principal, and Ed Oravec, MES Principal, represented the Administration. Guest was Sharron Scott.

It was moved by Will Spalding and seconded by Judy Geer to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009, meeting.

Motion was carried

The Student Participation in Commencement Exercises policy, the substance of which outlines that students who have demonstrated successful completion of graduation requirements may participate in commencement exercises, was adopted based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Judy Geer.

Motion was carried

Principals' Reports:

Ed Oravec, Morristown Elementary School

- Approximately 200 parents joined their children for our traditional Thanksgiving meal.
- 800-1000 books were read during the four week "Let's Read" program held at the Graded Building for kindergarten and first grade.
- Approximately 50 people gathered for an international pot luck dinner that kicked-off the National Geographic Geo-Bee.
- The Vermont Voltage Soccer Club joined our grades 2-5 Community Meeting on December 4, 2009.

Wendy Baker, Peoples Academy Middle Level

- The Parent Advisory Committee held their second meeting on December 1st.
- During December there will be an opportunity for students to attend the Vermont Youth Orchestra Chorus Concert, the Revels performance at Dartmouth College, and a trip to Montreal for a science and technology trip as part of Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, and Healthy Choices.
- Federal grant money is available to families meeting federal free and reduced lunch guidelines for tutoring services in reading and math.
- EXPOSITION evening will be held Tuesday, December 22nd.

Phil Grant, Peoples Academy

- The Winter Concert was a fantastic show and well attended.
- Several senior students have been recognized for academic and co-curricular accomplishments.
- Winter sports have begun.

Val Sullivan reported NECAP Science results for May 2009 tests given to grades 4, 8 & 11 and reviewed the work under way to support improved student performance in Science.

Tracy presented the 'Current Realities' of the financial challenges we face in anticipation of budget development.

The board received information on an upcoming community meeting in Elmore regarding designation of a public high school.

The board went into executive session based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Will Spalding.

Motion was carried

The Board came out of executive session.

Based on a motion by Phil Kiely and seconded by Will Spalding, the board directed Tracy to follow up on the contract matter.

Motion was carried

With no further action to come before the Board, at 6:55pm Will Spalding moved and Phil Kiely seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was carried

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Geer
Clerk, pro tem