

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
ELMORE, VERMONT
November 9, 2009**

Chair Penny Jones called the regular meeting of the Elmore Board of School Directors to order at 5:05pm with Elise Olsen and Peggy Sprague present. Tracy Wrend, Superintendent, and Valerie Sullivan, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, represented the Administration.

It was moved by Peggy Sprague and seconded by Elise Olsen to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2009, meeting.

Motion was carried

Tracy reviewed the date and time, December 2, 2009, 7:00pm, for the upcoming LSSU Board Meeting.

Tracy reviewed recent school activities including the annual trip to the Elmore Fire Station, Open House, 3rd grade NECAP's, and an exciting science unit on Living Organisms. A report on first quarter revenues and expenditures was also reviewed.

Valerie Sullivan reviewed the work of the LSSU Curriculum Council to date. The LSSU board will be asked to approve the curriculum components that have been completed at their upcoming meeting.

Tracy provided the requested follow up regarding designation of a public high school. The Commissioner's office clarified that statute does not prohibit grandfathering students currently offered choice and recommends that, if desired, grandfathering be extended to all in grades 7-12 at the time of designation. Additionally, through policy, the board could decide to offer choice after designation with the caveat that the district's share of tuition costs would be capped consistent with the new statute. Under this scenario, parents who wish to exercise choice would be responsible for costs above the capped amount. Tracy will work with Penny to plan a community forum in December to explore the option with the community.

The board approved a motion by Elise Olsen and seconded by Peggy Sprague directing the administration to pursue renewal of the bus contract with Lamoille Valley Transportation as allowed in state statutes.

Motion was carried

With no further action to come before the board, at 6:45pm Elise Olsen moved and Peggy Sprague seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was carried

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Wrend, Superintendent
Clerk, pro tem