

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
STOWE, VT
June 2, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Cam Page at 6:03 P.M. Board members present were Ashley Tagatac, Susan Segal, Jed Lipsky, and Don Post. Tracy Wrend, Superintendent, Richard Smiles, Nancy Shiok, Jeff Maher, Principals, George Cormier, Chief Operating Officer, and Bill Kimball, Director of Data and Assessment represented the administration. Guests included: Lana Leene, Lynn Bennett, Dave Smith, Tom Curtin, Heather Ryder, Nathan Burgess, Reeve Chilton, Mark Hyde, and Denise Gutstein.

The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2008, were approved based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

Tracy updated the board about the VSBA and a memorial service for Al Hurley.

Cam announced that a sympathy card would be sent to the family of Ann Hartt on the board's behalf.

Tracy and Bill presented an introduction to the action plan update and the principals followed up with more information. The teachers from Stowe who serve on the LSSU writing steering committee were introduced and reported on changes in classroom practice and student performance.

Principals Reports:

Richard Smiles, Elementary School

- Memorial Day Parade
- NECAP Science - Gr. 4
- Grade 4 – Arboretum, June 10
- Oliver Musical – Gr. 5, June 11
- Celebration Day – June 13
- Graduation – June 17
- Last day of school events – June 18

Nancy Shiok, Middle School

- Spring Concert was outstanding.
- Orientation for 5th grade parents was held on May 29
- Tegan Garon and Cara Lachtrupp honored - NELMS Scholar Leader Banquet at Norwich University.
- Field Day and Graduation
- Jeff Grogan and Steve Buzzell have been notified that they are one of two grand prize winners of the National Middle School Association's "Teams That Make a Difference" program.

Jeff Maher, High School

- Exciting dramatic performance – *Footloose*
- Music performances – All-State, Memorial Day
- Freshmen Orientation Evening
- Academic Awards
- Focus on Instruction
- "Thank yous"

dent athletes was shared with the board.

Tracy updated the board regarding SMS projected enrollment increases. Board members made comments and spoke favorably of the idea of hiring a one-year middle school teacher to accommodate the increased enrollment in grade 8.

Based on a motion by Led Lipsky and seconded by Don Post, the board selected Cam Page to act on the board's behalf over the summer to sign directors' orders, award bids as needed, and hire another SMS teacher if necessary.

The motion was carried.

Jed made positive comments about the high school prom.

Jed raised the issue of projected fuel costs and requested that the board be updated on the status of alternative fuel proposals.

Cash Management proposals were reviewed and the board accepted the proposal of Union Bank based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

Based on a motion by Jed Lipsky and seconded by Ashley Tagatac the board approved the General Obligation Resolution and Certificate in order to bond for \$1,800,000 of the authorized \$2,403,250.

The motion was carried.

The board approved 2008-2009 school meal prices of \$2.35 for K-5, \$2.85 for gr. 6-12 for lunch, \$3.60 for adult lunch and \$1.60 for breakfast, based on a motion by Ashley Tagatac and seconded by Jed Lipsky. Ashley and other board members made positive comments regarding food service personnel's efforts to continue to increase organic and natural food offerings.

The motion was carried.

The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

The board came out of executive session.

The board agreed to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. based on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Ashley Tagatac.

The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Smiles
Clerk, pro tem