

APPROVED MINUTES
Milford School Committee
Thursday, August 4, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Lewis S. Libby School

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Present
Greg Hobson, Chair	___X___
Michael Bond, Vice Chair	___X___
Gary Drinkwater, Member	___X___
Ann Goodwin, Member	___X___
Chris LeClair, Member	___X___

- I. Call to Order _____ 6:04PM _____ Chair
- II. Declaration of Quorum _____ Chair
- III. Flag Salute _____ Chair
- IV. Additions and Amendments to Agenda _____ Chair
Supt. Weed amended the agenda with the following changes:
- Remove Executive Session
 - Switch the order of Action Items B & C
- V. Public Comment _____ Chair
- Larry Hannon spoke of a surveillance system that is inexpensive but effective. He will provide Supt. Weed with the info to research. Mr. Hannon also suggested that we post signs notifying visitors of the surveillance system on premises. Corey LaBelle offered his services to install at no cost to the school.
- VI. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:
- A. Superintendent's Report _____ Supt. Weed
- Resignations - Supt. Weed informed the Committee of Mrs. Lynn Silk and Mrs. Andrea Michaud letters of resignations. Mrs. Michaud will be taking a job at the Holbrook Middle School. Supt. Weed thanked Mrs. Silk for all the help she has given her during her first month at the Libby School. Mr. Greg Hobson, Committee Chair also gave praise and thanked Mrs. Silk for countless hours of dedication and a great job.
- Other - Supt. Weed shared a thank you note sent by Mr. & Mrs. Deanna Hathaway thanking staff of their support during their difficult time of loss.
- VII. ACTION ITEMS: _____ Supt. Weed
- A. Resignations - Lynn Silk & Andrea Michaud

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Lynn Silk resignation:

Moved: Chris LeClair Seconded: Ann Goodwin Vote: 5/0/0

Gary Drinkwater asked if the school would be ready for opening day. Supt. Weed assured the Committee that she has met with Administrators and has a plan in place to be ready for opening day.

Andrea Michaud resignation:

Moved: Chris LeClair Seconded: Ann Goodwin Vote: 5/0/0

Gary Drinkwater asked about Mrs. Michaud's benefits. Would she and her family be covered until her new benefits take effect? Supt. Weed said she would have no lapse in coverage.

B. Staff Nominations - Ashley Doughty Gr. 5, Ashley Thornton Gr. 3, Sarah Brooks 1/2 time Pre-K

Ashley Doughty - Gr. 5

Moved: Michael Bond Seconded: Ann Goodwin Vote: 5/0/0

Ashley comes from Jay and did her student teaching in the Old Town school system. She is Kindergarten through Eighth grade certified.

Ashley Thornton - Gr. 3

Moved: Michael Bond Seconded: Chris LeClair Vote: 5/0/0

Ashley was a long-term sub this past school year. She is certified Kindergarten through Eighth grade and holds a Master's degree in Education. She is also certified in Speech/Language.

Sarah Brooks - 1/2 time Pre-K

Moved: Ann Goodwin Seconded: Gary Drinkwater Vote: 5/0/0

Sarah is a graduate of the University of Maine. She holds a Kindergarten through Third grade certificate and has been working as an Ed. Tech III.

C. Foreign Language - Discussion

Moved: Gary Drinkwater Seconded: Ann Goodwin Vote: 4/1/0

Supt. Weed shared results of a quick survey she did with area schools on their Foreign Language program. Orono does not offer a Foreign Language program and Old Town offers a limited Foreign Language program.

The Committee discussed if a Foreign Language should continue to be offered at the Dr. Lewis S. Libby School, for what grade levels and which Foreign Language should be taught. Mrs. Betsy Dyer spoke of how difficult it is for children with speech & language difficulties to learn a Foreign Language and perhaps two different levels should be taught, one accelerated and one cultural. It was determined for this school year a Foreign Language will be offered to middle school students and further discussion on the program will take place at a later time.

D. Principal Search

Moved: Gary Drinkwater Seconded: Ann Goodwin Vote: 5/0/0

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Supt. Weed asked the Committee to take some time and think about what they are looking for in a Principal and recommends beginning with an Interim Principal to start the school year off. This would give the school a chance to search for the right fit. Supt. Weed offered suggestions on different ways the Committee can look at filling the vacant position including restructuring current Administration or keeping the position the way it is currently. The Committee supported Supt. Weed's recommendation to hire an Interim Principal and action was taken to hire Mrs. Kathy Lewis from August 8, 2011 until October 20, 2011. Supt. Weed will direct Kelly Theriault to advertise for the vacant position.

VIII. Public Comments

Chair

IX. Other:

- Next monthly meeting date: August 11, 2011
- Mrs. Silk passed out the Student/Parent Handbook she is revising for the Committee to review before the August 11th meeting so that it can be voted on for approval.

X. Adjourn

Chair

Moved: Ann Goodwin Seconded: Chris LeClair Vote: 5/0/0

Time: 7:31PM

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