

March 8, 2010

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Chesterfield School Board  
Chesterfield School, 5:30 p.m.**

**In attendance:** Judy Idelkope, School Board Chair  
Ege Cordell, School Board Member  
Becky Auger, School Board Member  
Deb Clemente, School Board Member  
Greg Blair, School Board Member  
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools  
Timothy Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns  
Sharyn D'Eon, Principal  
Darlene Dunn, Assistant Principal  
Kathy Selvidio, Recording Secretary

**Also in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting:** Meredith Cargill, Ruth VanHouten, Nancy Brooks, Genienne Hockensmith, Sheena Derosia, Darlene Smith, Traci Fairbanks, Amy Goldberg, Helen DiRusso, Tina Ramsey, Neil Jenness, Dewey Auger

1. **Call to Order:** Judy Idelkope called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. **Celebrations:** Mrs. VanHouten congratulated the board on a smooth running District Meeting on Saturday. Darlene Dunn commended the success of DI teams on Saturday. Becky Auger also wanted to take time to thank all those that gave of their time for the event, judges, officials, coaches, parents and kids. Ege Cordell congratulated Genienne Hockensmith on her recent election to the school board. Mrs. Cordell also gave kudos to Alison Schoales for the recent Middle School Concert.
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** February 8, 2010, Regular Meeting, Page 1, section 2, Trevor Fay should read "Tobin Fay". Page 2, section 6, should read "Chesterfield School General Fund Balance." Page 3, section 9, last sentence should read, "Mrs. Idelkope would like it communicated to the NEA that their NEA conference day conflicts with our test schedule and she would like to ask them to consider switching it." Page 4, section c, first sentence should read, "finalizing their grant application." Section c, 5<sup>th</sup> sentence, should read "Presented the school budget to

the budget committee.” *Greg Blair made a motion to accept above minutes as amended, Becky Auger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, vote taken, 5–0, motion passed.*  
February 8, 2010 Non Public Sessions were all approved as written.

**5. Bills and Manifests:** *Finance Committee made a recommendation to accept checks # 1005437 – 1005504 in the amount of \$208,104.47, vote taken, 5–0, motion passed.*

**6. Financial Report:** Mr. Ruehr gave an overview of the Chesterfield General Fund Balance. The current net balance is \$609,825.00. This figure includes \$20,000 encumbered for the building insulation envelope and the safety and future of portables study. The new cafeteria tables are also already taken out of this figure. Mr. Ruehr believes that we will see improvement in the tuition line.

Food Service: The projected contribution to the food service department this year will be approximately \$15,221.00. Currently the program is about \$20,000 in the hole, more than the revenue of the program.

Mrs. Idelkope took the time to recognize outgoing board members Becky Auger and Greg Blair at this time.

Mrs. Idelkope introduced Meredith Cargill, Director of Curriculum who did a presentation on NECAP results, which outlined as follows:

- Intro to basics review
- Scoring
- Trends in Reading
- Trends in Math
- Trends in Writing
- Scoring at Chesterfield and KHS
- School Data
- Target index and AYP

Mrs. Cargill took time to answer questions from the public and the board regarding her data.

## **7. Reports:**

- a. Principal: Mrs. D’Eon presented the following:
  - Enrollment at 348

- Subject area meetings with SAU29 just held, some major changes in the Social Studies curriculum
- Facilities: Major frost heaves out front of the building. We have recently trapped 4 skunks at the building
- Mr. Carreira will be doing a current inventory of our computer equipment in the building.
- Speech and Language position still not filled, setting up to do interview soon.
- CPSF has a new application process; applications are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Outlined upcoming events at the school.

Mrs. Dunn discussed briefly some of the work done on the early release day. Teachers discussed levels that the children are at and intervention strategies.

b. Co-Superintendent: Mr. Woolridge spoke briefly on the following:

- Two students missed five or more days, one due to illness, one unexcused.
- Television studio at KHS, broadcast now on Channel 8
- Acapella Choir at KHS broadcast on PBS
- Building Aid, possible 2 year moratorium or 1 year moratorium
- Adequacy Funding
- HB 1623 – Cyber Bullying
- Race to the Top Grant

c. Board Members: Mrs. Clemente attended CPSF meeting, the Student Enrichment Grant application has been finalized. The applications should be presented to the board before they are presented to the public. Will look at these at the next meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Auger thanked Mrs. Idelkope for her Power Point presentation at the budget meeting on Saturday. Mrs. Cordell shared that the new tables were installed in the cafeteria over the February break. Capital Reserve was recently increased at meeting to \$150,000, great news for deferred maintenance projects. Mrs. Idelkope attended an SAU Board meeting, vote was made to give the co-superintendents new 3 year contracts. At the Wellness Committee new standards for fundraising and candy etc. were introduced.

d. Other: None

**8. Public Input:** Dewey Auger expressed concern over the frost heaves out front and the standing water near the building. Mrs. D'Eon stated that with the warmer weather she will have Bart look at this issue, we do indeed have a drainage problem that needs to be addressed. Mrs. Van Houten asked Mr. Woolridge what parents could do to help him with the NCLB test change. Mr. Woolridge stated that the person to contact would be Jeanne Shaheen. Mrs. DiRusso had questions on the upcoming Math Night to be held at school. Also asked who can apply for the enrichment available through CPSF. Mrs. Idelkope stated that the funds are for the teachers and for parents who might be interested in running an after school program that would benefit the school. Mrs. DiRusso questioned whether there was a basic economic program in our curriculum? Mrs. Idelkope stated that there are various strands of such a program in the K-8 curriculums. Mrs. Derosia asked about the parent portal through Powerschool and when this would be open? Mrs. D'Eon stated that it looks like April it should be up for grades 7 & 8 only. Assignments and grades should be posted within two weeks. Mrs. Goldberg asked if there were standards or rules for the younger grades and the grading of homework and assignments. Mrs. Dunn stated that sometimes teachers hold on to these papers for samples and to look at trends in work.

10d. Advertising Discussion: Mr. Woolridge handed out a report on Commercialism in Schools.

- Commercialism in schools is more dramatic and pervasive now
- Would like to look at fundraising and advertising and come up with procedures and the level of communication in order to engage the community.
- Will bring forth administrative procedures and the board can decide then if they need to change policy at all.

Mrs. Idelkope would like to look at ads on the internet, incentives we use for children, difference between advertising that stays home and walks out the door, recognizing donors vs. advertising for companies. Feels we need to hear from the community on what their sensitivities are. We don't want to make decisions as a board, would like guidelines put in place so administration can make decisions.

Mr. Blair felt that the consistency of the response is important.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. JLCF: Tabled until next meeting

b. Proposed 2010–2011 Calendar: Mrs. D’Eon wanted to bring to light that staff would like some time for Responsive Classroom training, which is typically a week long. Mr. Woolridge suggested pursuing grant funding for this.

*Mrs. Auger made a motion to accept the proposed 2010-2011 Chesterfield School District calendar, Mr. Blair 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, vote taken, 5–0, motion passed.*

## **10. New Business:**

a. Nomination and Election of Staff: Mrs. Cordell moved the confidential list that was discussed earlier during Non Public. Mr. Blair 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, vote taken 5–0, motion passed.

b. Appointment of new Board Members: tabled until next meeting.

c. Goals Retreat Date: Mrs. Hockensmith was invited to join the board for this discussion.

Mrs. Idelkope wants to come up with a few dates to present to the staff. The following dates will be brought forth to staff:

- April 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 6:00
- May 12<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 6:00
- May 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 6:00
- May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 12:00

## **11. Future Agenda:**

- Special Education Policy
- Advertising Policy
- May – Projected Food Service
- May – Facilities Goal
- June – Wellness Report

**12. Public Input:** Mrs. Goldberg wanted the board to be careful with their decisions on the advertising policy. Wants them to be careful and mindful of not having to come to board each time. Does not want the policy to infringe too harshly on fundraising side of things.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathleen Selvidio  
Recording Secretary

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