

*Georgia Board of School Directors
September 2, 2008 at 6pm
Georgia School Library
Regular Meeting*

Agenda

- I. *Call to Order*
- II. *Executive Session (Student Issue)*
- III. *Public Comment*
- IV. *Consent Agenda*
 - *Minutes: 6/3/08 (Regular Mtg), 6/17/08 (Special Mtg), 8/5/08 (Retreat)*
 - *Reports: Principal, Financial*
 - *Correspondence*
 - *Other*
- V. *Old Business*
 - *Retreat Follow-Up*
- VI. *New Business*
 - *Community Forum Discussion*
- VII. *Policy Review*
 - *Criminal Record Check Policy – **Action***
 - *Volunteers Policy – **Action***
- VIII. *Other*
- IX. *Upcoming Meetings*
 - A. **FWSU Quarterly Meeting:** September 24th at 7:00 PM at Fairfax Community Library
 - B. **Regular Meeting:** October 7th at 6:00 PM at Georgia School Library
- X. *Adjourn*

Georgia Elementary/Middle School Goals

- *To create a committee structure that actively supports the priorities and objectives of the School Board.*
- *To continue to a budgeting process that provides for educational programs and supports the School Action Plan.*
- *To encourage and facilitate communication with Georgia Town Committees and Town Offices.*

**Georgia Board of School Directors
June 3, 2008 at Georgia School Library
Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Board Present: Jennifer Petrie, Carl Laroe, Irene Bonin; Doug Bergstrom, Casey Hager

Administrators: Flora Hurteau, Frank Calano, Armando Vilaseca

Others: Carolyn Branagan, Chris Sumner

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

- II. Public Comment** – Rep. Carolyn Branagan was present to introduce herself and to discuss recent legislation. Carolyn is on the Ways and Means Committee which deals with taxes. She informed the Board that the statutory tax rate for is the same rate as what was budgeted. There was a discussion regarding education for incarcerated individuals. The state is considering dipping into the Ed Fund to educate prisoners housed in Vermont. Consumer taxes are down and that could play a role when starting to plan for next year's budget.

III. Consent Agenda

- Minutes – *May 6, 2008 and May 20, 2008*
- Reports – *Principal, Financial*
- Correspondence
- Other

ACTION: *Motion by Casey Hager to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Jennifer Petrie, approved unanimously.*

IV. New Business

- Educational Presentation – Tony Hardy (Room #104) – Mr. Hardy showed the Board how he incorporates the Smartboard into his daily teaching of math. He stated that it is a huge advantage to his teaching. The resources available through the program are endless.
- Approve New Hire: Preschool Teacher (0.5 FTE)
ACTION: *Motion by Jennifer Petrie to approve Julie Johnson as an Early Education 0.5 FTE teacher, seconded by Casey Hager, approved unanimously.*
- Board Secretary Pay Rate – Armando presented information to the Board regarding the pay rate for Fletcher, Fairfax and Georgia board secretary. The Board was asked to consider a pay raise to a \$75.00 flat rate for the Board Secretary.
- Approve Tax Anticipation Notes – Chris received information from the Bank regarding the recent drop in interest rates. Chris recommends going with the Chittenden Bank. The Chittenden has offered a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$1,230,000 at a 2.39% interest rate.
ACTION: *Motion by Irene Bonin to approve the tax anticipation note, seconded by Casey Hager, approved unanimously.*
- Chris prepared a memo to the Selectboard regarding the delinquent tax payment that was late to the school. The payment has since been made.

V. Policy Review

- Criminal Record Check Policy – Tabled – This policy is being worked on and will be presented at a later date. It will pertain to vendors only.
- Volunteers & Work Study Students Policy – 1st Reading – The background check for volunteers and work study students will be conducted in Vermont only. A procedure will be presented with a policy.

VI. Other – The 8th graders will be going on a field trip to Six Flags on Thursday, June 5, 2008. Graduation will be Friday, June 13, 2008. Ann Dunn will start July 1, 2008 as the new Technology Director for the District. The Board Retreat will be held on August 5, 2008.

- Transportation Contract – The School had a verbal agreement with Terricel Transportation to meet the requirements of Title 16 which allows for districts to enter into a one year extending contracts as long as they stay within the NE pricing index. Terricel has expressed that they will not be able to honor the agreement at this point due to the increase in fuel costs.

VII. Executive Session – Entered Executive Session at 8:20 PM regarding transportation. No action taken. Exited Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

- **Regular Meeting:** June 17th at 6:00 PM at Georgia School Library
- **Regular Meeting:** August 5th at 6:00 PM at Georgia School Library

**Georgia Board of School Directors
Special Meeting, June 17, 2008 at 6:00 PM
Georgia School Library
MINUTES**

Board Present: Doug Bergstrom, Irene Bonin, Jennifer Petrie,
Casey Hager, Carl Laroe

Administrators: Armando Vilaseca, Flora Hurteau

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jen Petrie at 6:05pm

2. Transportation Contract Discussion

There was discussion of the bus contract with Grand Avenue/Terricel. There was discussion of the school purchasing its own fuel if possible.

ACTION: Jen Petrie moved to approve renewal of the bus contract with Terricel Transit/Grand Avenue Enterprises for one additional year, seconded by Carl Laroe. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Georgia Board of School Directors
Special Meeting: Annual Board Retreat
Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 3pm
Flora Hurteau's Camp

MINUTES

Board Present: Doug Bergstrom, Irene Bonin, Jennifer Petrie,
Casey Hager, Carl Laroe

Administrators: Armando Vilaseca, Flora Hurteau

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Jen Petrie at 3:05pm

2. Transportation Contract Discussion

There was discussion of additional changes to the bus contract with Grand Avenue/Terricel. The contract was amended to reflect that the school will pay for all fuel used.

ACTION: Jen Petrie moved to approve to accept the amended bus contract with Terricel Transit/Grand Avenue Enterprises, seconded by Casey Hager. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Middle School Course of Study

ACTION: Casey Hager moved to require that all middle school students complete one foreign language course in grades 7 and 8, seconded by Jen Petrie. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Tuition Waiver Request

The board denied the tuition waiver request by Paul Pelletier as their ability to establish residency in the town is uncertain.

5. Board Goals

The board identified the following goals for the 2008-2009 school year:

- a. Develop and disseminate an electronic newsletter
- b. Hold a community forum to design a 5 year plan

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.