

MONT VERNON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2006
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Peter King called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

ATTENDANCE

Mont Vernon School Board: Peter King, John Schwope, Jayson Darula, and Leo White

Administrative Team: Howard Colter, Susan Ward, Meredith Nadeau, and Kathy Skoglund

Budget Committee: Scott Foster, Al Ryder, and Doug Topliffe

Other: David Brown, Barbara Millar

Minutes Recorder: Lyn Jennings

Peter King invited comments from the public.

PUBLIC TIME

Al Ryder said when they discussed the Budget Committee's Report later in the meeting; he would be suggesting the School Board hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

Paul Philbrick, from the Mont Vernon Recreation Commission came before the School Board to provide an update regarding the plan to restore McCollom Field. Paul said the plan is to restore the field with donated funds causing no impact to the tax rate. Paul said they plan on raising \$20,000 and already have received a number of large pledges.

Board members received a letter dated March 9, 2006, from Paul Philbrick updating the board on issues involving the McCollom Field restoration project.

Paul provided the Selectmen with a project update on February 27, 2006, and it was agreed the town will continue to provide maintenance as they do today, once the field has been restored as long as the School District will provide a letter to the town.

The letter should state the following:

- The School Board approves of the restoration of McCollom Field by the Mont Vernon Recreation Commission.
- The School Board approves that funds raised by donation for this project, be used to restore McCollom Field.
- The School Board approves that the town will continue to provide ongoing field maintenance after restoration of McCollom Field is complete.

Peter said he would agree to write the letter if one more bullet was included. The use of the field shall be subject to the Use of Facilities Procedures of the Mont Vernon School District.

John Schwope asked if the Recreation Commission believes they can

get the estimated \$20,000 they need to complete the restoration project.

Paul said they believe they can get at least \$20,000 and think even more is possible.

Howard Colter said he was very impressed with the hard work and thought that was done on the project and commended Paul and the Recreation Commission. Howard agreed with Peter's suggestion, he said the first use of priority should go to the school, second to the town and third to outside groups.

Peter King agreed to write a letter from the School board and it will include the following information:

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- The School Board approves that funds raised by donation for this project, be used to restore McCollom Field.
- The School Board approves that the town will continue to provide ongoing field maintenance after restoration of McCollom Field is complete.
- The use of the field shall be subject to the Use of Facilities Procedures of the Mont Vernon School District.

A motion was made by John Schwope and seconded by Jayson Darula to support the Mont Vernon Recreation Commission's plan to restore McCollom Field. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Peter King informed Board Members Barbara Millar, Moderator, was at the board meeting to discuss the procedure for the March 17, 2006 District Meeting and discuss the flow of the meeting.

Peter asked Meredith to make copies of the budget available to citizens of the town. Peter requested 50 copies of the budget be placed in the Library, the Town Hall, and the McCollom Building.

Peter assigned sections of the budget to each member of the School Board should questions come up by citizens at the School District Meeting.

Board members discussed Article 4 and wanted to take a position on the article.

A motion was made by Leo White and seconded by John Schwope to oppose Article 4. All members of the board voted in favor of opposing Article 4.

**BUSINESS &
INSTRUCTION
Disusing and
Planning for the
March 17th School
District Meeting**

Peter King recommended putting on the Warrant our opposition to this article. – The School Board opposes this article by a vote of 5 to 0.

Board members received a copy of the Budget Committee Minutes dated 2/28/06. Al Ryder, Chairman of the Budget Committee, said they are trying to keep increases down based on what's going on in town. He said a request is in for a new fire station, library, etc.

Al said some of the Budget Committee members might be willing to change their position on some of the expenditure requests once the results are in from the meeting on Tuesday night.

The Budget Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget.

Susan Ward presented school board members with a copy of a memo dated 3/2/06 regarding the Transportation Contract Extension. In the memo Susan outlined the proposal received from First Student to extend the contract for student transportation through FY09. It was recommended the Districts accept the further extension to three years. It was also recommended that beyond this time frame, it would be prudent and advisable the formal bid process be utilized to obtain subsequent transportation for SAU 39 students.

Susan said comparisons were made with the transportation contracts of two other school districts. Costs per bus per day for the proposed contract for SAU 39 were lower than similar costs for either of the other two districts.

A motion was made by Jayson Darula to approve the contract as presented and outlined in the memo dated 3/2/06. Leo White seconded the motion. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

**MVSD Budget
Committee Report**

**Transportation
Contract Approval**

Principal's Report

Meredith provided the following report:

1. Facilities Update: The buzzer system installation is being rescheduled as the contractor was not able to come during school vacation.

Meredith said they just received the Air Quality Report from RPF Associates today.

Peter King spoke about the results of the Air Quality Report from RPF. Peter said the company looked at several different things in the building, for example, mold, and mold spores and they did not find anything out of the ordinary. RPF pointed out general dust in the room and the ventilation system. They also said the air balancing could be looked at, however, they did not find a serious problem. Peter said he would speak to Dennis to make sure they are changing the filters regularly, RPF suggested changing them quarterly

- rather than annually.
2. Professional Development: A Mont Vernon Village School team will be attending WebQuest training on March 16, 2006. Guided reading training for grades 1-4 teachers, in coordination with Amherst, is on March 17, 2006 and May 17, 2006. This is a follow up to the In Service Day in January.
 3. Curriculum/Instruction: The Social Studies textbook selection process is underway. (coordinated with Amherst) The Title One on-site visit from the DOE is scheduled for March 22, 2006.
 4. Other: Pennies for Patients raised approximately \$150 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you to Mrs. Button, the School Nurse for coordinating this event. Congratulations to 5th grader Matthew Hubbard. Matthew won the MVVS Geography Bee and is one of 100 students from the state who met the qualifying score on an exam; he will compete in the NH Geographic Bee on 3/31 in Keene, NH.
Request to accept donation of \$77.64 from Target Stores. A motion was made by John Schwope to accept the donation of \$77.64 from Target Stores with appreciation. Jayson Darula seconded the motion. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Jayson Darula moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2006, and John Schwope seconded the motion. Members of the board voted in favor of the motion. Peter King abstained. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF
FEBRUARY 23, 2006
MINUTES**

Howard Colter nominated Dennis Murphy for the part-time Custodial Staff position subject to the completion of the background check. A motion was made by Leo White to approve the nomination as presented. Jayson Darula seconded the motion. All members of the board voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

**ACTION ITEMS
Nomination – Part
time Custodial Staff**

- A. Election Day, March 14, 2006
- B. Mont Vernon School District Meeting, March 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- A. March 23, 2006

**IMPORTANT
UPCOMING DATES**

Jayson Darula moved to adjourn. John Schwope seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING
ADJOURNMENT**