

**Plymouth School Board  
Minutes – June 2, 2008  
6:00PM  
Plymouth Town Hall**

**School Board members present:** Mike Bullek, Wilma Hyde, Kate Hedberg, Patty Buhrman, Tonia Orlando

**Administration present:** Peter Hutchins, Principal; Shannon Bartlett, Assistant Principal; Connie Helgerson, Special Education Director; Mark Halloran, Superintendent

**At 6:00PM, Mr. Bullek called the meeting to order.**

**I. Agenda Review and Disposition**

*Under VI. Other Business*

*Add the following:*

*Fall Co-curricular Nominations*

*Update on Kindergarten Research Committee*

*Summer Meeting Schedule*

**II. Minutes of May 5, 2008**

*Under Principal's Report – Change grad candidates to good candidates.*

**III. Principal's Report**

*Mr. Hutchins updated the Board on Summer School stating that it was possible that Plymouth Elementary would be taking students from Campton and Holderness if there was room and if Campton and Holderness did not have enough students enrolled in summer school to run a program. Mr. Hutchins also stated that the school would be running an enrichment program this summer as well. (See attached program)*

*At this time Mr. Hutchins introduced Kayla Sullivan, the Historian for the Student Council. Kayla presented the Honor Book and the award that was presented to the Student Council on behalf of the Granite State Middle School Council for their service to the community. The Board thanked Kayla and the student council for all the community service that has been and continues to be in progress in the school community.*

*Mr. Hutchins gave the Board an overview of the schools NECAP testing results as well as Plymouth Elementary School Annual Yearly Progress. (see attached letter)*

*Mr. Hutchins thanked the Board for his years of employment at Plymouth Elementary School. On behalf of the Board Mr. Halloran stated that Mr. Hutchins shoes would be hard to fill and thanked him for his years of dedication to the Plymouth Elementary School. Mr. Hutchins told Mr. Halloran that he did not want his retirement to be recognized either publicly or privately.*

**IV. Privilege of the Floor #1**

*Mrs. McCloud thanked the Student Council for the \$200.00 gift certificate to purchase school supplies for the students of Plymouth Elementary and thanked them for helping to collect box tops etc. for the Student Council.*

*Mrs. McCloud also spoke on behalf of Mary Nelson and presented the Board with a petition signed by members of the Plymouth Teachers Association requesting*

that the Board offer Mrs. Nelson a teaching contract for the 2008-2009 school year. The Board stated that they would take up personnel issues in Nonpublic Session. A member of the public also spoke on behalf of Mrs. Nelson and urged the Board to offer Mrs. Nelson a teaching contract for the following school year.

**V. Consent Items**

**a. Claims and Payroll**

A manifest was circulated and signed by the Board.

**b. Correspondence – Commissioner Waiver Letter/Letter of Support Sidewalk Grant**

Mr. Halloran stated that the Commissioner of Education for the State of New Hampshire approved the waiver request for Plymouth Elementary. Mr. Halloran asked to go on record to thank the faculty and staff for adjusting their schedule to accommodate the extended school day. Mr. Halloran also thanked the Commissioner for his approval of the districts request. (See attached letter) Mr. Halloran stated that he included in the Board's packet for this meeting a letter written by Mr. Bullek in support of the Merrill Street Sidewalk Project. (See attached letter)

Mr. Halloran and Ms. Orlando both stated that they each received a letter in support of Mary Nelson being reinstated.

**VI. Discussion Items**

**a. Principal Candidate Nominations/Staff Nominations Speech, Media, Special Education Nominations.**

Mr. Halloran thanked the Principal's Search Committee members for all their time spent on the search. Mrs. Hedberg also thanked the committee as well for the innumerable hours spent on the search and screening of the resumes'. At this time Mr. Halloran stated that he wanted to nominate the candidate in public session this evening. On a motion by Mrs. Hedberg, seconded by Ms. Hyde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Julie Flynn as Principal of Plymouth Elementary School beginning July 1, 2008. Mr. Halloran stated that he would be announcing other nominations after Nonpublic Session.

**b. FY 08 Budget Status**

Mr. Halloran stated that the district will need to schedule a hearing, stating that there is a possibility that the budget may need to be over-expended due to special education expenses as well as other unforeseen expenses due to snow removal etc. Mr. Halloran gave an overview of the condition of the FY08 budget. After some discussion, the hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 6:00PM, in the media center at Plymouth Elementary. Mr. Halloran polled the Board to make sure there were three members available for that evening.

**c. Volunteers for Enrichment Committee**

Mr. Halloran stated that Ms. Orlando has volunteered to chair the enrichment committee. On a motion by Ms. Hedberg, seconded by Ms. Orlando, the Board voted unanimously to accept all volunteers that have requested to service on that committee. Mr. Halloran stated that the superintendent's office would be available to help the committee in any way.

**d. Teacher Recognition Breakfast**

Mr. Halloran stated that all Board members are invited to the teacher's recognition breakfast that is scheduled for Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM.

**e. Kindergarten Committee**

Ms. Orlando stated that the committee has been researching the extended Kindergarten school day concept. The committee has surveyed parents of preschoolers and parents of Kindergarten students. The committee has also been on site visits. Ms. Orlando stated that the committee hopes to report back to the Board this fall with their findings.

**f. Summer Meeting Schedule**

After some discussion, the Board elected to schedule their next meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed finding a retreat date to discuss curriculum.

**VII. Privilege of the Floor #2**

Members of the public spoke on behalf of Mary Nelson urging the Board to offer her a teaching contract for the 08-09 school year.

Ms. Estes stated that the blame lies with the State of New Hampshire for the retirement dilemma that our teachers are facing.

**At 6:52PM, on a motion by Mrs. Orlando, seconded by Mrs. Hyde, the Board voted unanimously to enter Nonpublic Session to discuss personnel and a legal issue.**

**At this time Mr. Hutchins, Ms. Bartlett and Ms. Helgerson left the meeting.**

**At 7:57PM, the Board returned from Nonpublic Session and took the following action.**

**On a motion by Mrs. Hedberg, seconded by Mrs. Orlando, the Board voted unanimously to nominate the following slate of support staff members.**

<b>Linda Allen</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Sondra Benson</b>	<b>Part-time Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Dale Benton</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Jennifer Bradbury</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Margaret Brown</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>Erica Burnham</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Mari Burnham</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Mary Chase</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Renee Chenez</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Gerald Coney</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>Amy Deachman</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Jessica Gross</b>	<b>Special Education Aide 1:1 Aide</b>
<b>Margaret Grass</b>	<b>A+ Site Coordinator</b>
<b>Mary Halloran</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Brandon Hardy</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Joanne Jette</b>	<b>PEP Classroom Aide</b>
<b>Tina Kelly</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Marcia Mayhew</b>	<b>Special Education 1:1 Preschool</b>

<b>Andrew McDonald</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Della Mills</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Patricia Reynolds</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Juan Rosario</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>Kimberly Santucci</b>	<b>.5 Preschool Speech</b>
<b>Gene Smith</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Susanne Snell</b>	<b>Speech Assistant</b>
<b>Robert Strong</b>	<b>Custodian</b>
<b>Louise Tilton</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Carole Wheeler</b>	<b>Special Education Aide</b>
<b>Marianne Yeaton</b>	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>

**On a motion by Ms. Hyde, seconded by Ms. Buhrman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following slate of fall co-curricular nominations.**

<b>Tom Underwood</b>	<b>Football Coach</b>
<b>Billy Brooker</b>	<b>Football Co-Assistant Coach</b>
<b>Jon Ramsay</b>	<b>Football Co-Assistant Coach</b>
<b>Sue Sampson</b>	<b>Field Hockey Coach A-Team</b>
<b>Deborah McManus</b>	<b>Field Hockey coach B-Team</b>
<b>Steve Medaglia</b>	<b>Boys Soccer Coach</b>
<b>Todd Dimick</b>	<b>Coach-Girls Soccer</b>
<b>Linda Lee-Scott</b>	<b>Theater</b>
<b>Jan Panagoulis</b>	<b>Student Council Advisor</b>
<b>Sarah Sanborn</b>	<b>Student Council Advisor</b>
<b>Jan Panagoulis</b>	<b>Mathalon</b>
<b>Deborah McManus</b>	<b>Athletic Outfitter</b>
<b>Sarah Sanborn</b>	<b>Yearbook – Financial Bookkeeping</b>
<b>Pat Reynolds</b>	<b>Yearbook – Proof Reading</b>
<b>Roland Bourque</b>	<b>Intramurals Coordinator</b>
<b>Cynthia White</b>	<b>504 Coordinator</b>

**On a motion by Ms. Buhrman, seconded by Ms. Hyde, the Board voted unanimously to accept Elizabeth DeYoung as Library/Media Specialist.**

**On a motion by Ms. Hyde, seconded by Ms. Buhrman, the Board voted unanimously to accept Sondra Benson as a part-time Special Education Teacher.**

**At this time Mr. Bullek informed the public that were present that the Board took no action on the request to rescind the retirement resignation on Mary Nelson's behalf.**

**At 7:57PM, meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan Daigneault**