

PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Peacham School Cafeteria
APPROVED

PRESENT:

Board: Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne, Jenny Mackenzie

Superintendent Martha Tucker

Principal Hank Ruppertsberger

Business Manager Janice Ouellette

Staff: Janice Brisco, Alice Ruffner

Public: Cornelia Hasenfuss, Julie Hansen, Meredith Gilbert, Shawn Gilbert, Robert Ruffner, Suzanne Rhodes, Bob Morgan, Wendy Morgan, Jessica Roy, Wendy MacKenzie

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06PM.
2. Minutes of December 12, 2011 approved with 1 correction; minutes of Dec. 21, 2011 approved as written; minutes of January 8, 2012 approved as written.
3. Public Input: Robert Ruffner suggested that the board offer powerpoint instead of making hard copy handouts for the public.
4. Administrative Reports
 - A. Principal's Report
 1. Thanks to Sally for her helpful and thorough guidance presentation according to Act 1 state regulations
 2. Internet safety training classes were well-received by faculty and students
 3. Wonderful carolling celebration took place in the community in December
 4. World Language Committee met in December, and agreed that the school should pursue locating a part-time teacher for next year (.2 FTE) for grades pre-K-6. As follow up, committee members plan to meet with foreign language teachers within the SU.
 - B. Superintendent's Report
 1. A number of topics likely to form into bills in the legislature in the near future
 - a. Act 153-- a variety of proposals being considered for revision regarding centralization and consolidation
 - b. Proposed expansion of school choice
 - c. Several changes in funding
 - d. Decrease of superintendencies to 16
5. Old Business-- The board had a 2nd reading of the Visitors in the School Policy.
6. Financial-- 2013 Budget Discussion.
 - A. The new budget includes a .2 FTE foreign language teacher, the most recent

estimates of incoming students, an estimate of Academy tuition and partial local funding for CREEP (40%), because CREEP grant money has decreased.

B. Tax Rates- Education Spending per Equalized Pupil is currently calculated at \$13,003 for FY13, which is similar to this past year. The actual homestead tax rate would thus be 1.4190 (lower than last year).

C. The board reached consensus on the content of the budget, and will give formal approval of the budget at the Jan. 25 meeting, once a few more actual numbers are added.

7. Other Business-- Follow up on Ray Proulx report

A. Martha reported that Mr. Proulx has given recommendations for facilitators, based on his recommendation for community members to work together to revisit the vision for the school and a definition of quality. Mr. Proulx has emphasized that this process needs to work through consensus, not by drawing from the majority. Martha asked him to clarify what role he will have in coming back; his additional role would be to make it clear to individuals how his recommendations apply specifically to them. Mr. Proulx is in the process of editing the report; however, he made it clear that the report may be circulated now, in draft form, to whomever requests a copy.

B. The community discussed options for carrying out Mr. Proulx's recommendations.

8. Future Agenda Items for the Weds. 1/25/12 meeting at 7pm: Final budget adoption, adoption of the Visitor's Policy, Update on Ray Proulx's study.

9. The board entered executive session at 8:35PM for personnel.

10. The board exited executive session at 8:51PM. Action taken: JoAnne will draft a response to the Association letter.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Land Mackenzie