

HOLLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Minutes of 11/10/11

Present: Steven Anderstrom, Chairman; Susan Kennedy, Vice Chairman; Erik Iller. Eli Gillen and Larry Mandell were absent.

Also Present: Dan Durgin, Superintendent; Jennifer Dold, Principal; Charlotte Lundgren, Recording Secretary

Audience Present: Michael Kennedy, Selectman

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm.

MINUTES

MOTION 11-38 by Erik Iller, second by Steven Anderstrom to approve the minutes of 10-13-11 with the following changes: Susan Kennedy was absent from the 10-13-11 meeting. Motion approved 2 in favor, 1 abstention.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Durgin reported that the budget was in very good shape due to the staff resignation of the Tech person. The budget process for next year has already been started.

MOTION 11-39 by Steven Anderstrom, second by Erik Iller to accept the financial report until audited. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Durgin discussed a memo regarding the school budget liaisons. Ms. Boyd sent a memo requesting that each member town consider appointing a Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee liaison to the schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No meetings.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Dold reported that the rekeying of the building is complete. Visitor parking signs were approved and purchased.

Mr. Dodd, 5th Grade Teacher, took a job at the State House. Christa Casavant, who is currently the Technology Teacher, will take his place. Mrs. Dold also announced two retirements – Kathleen Kenyon, Grade 3, and Kathleen Casaubon, Speech Pathologist. Mrs. Dold read Mrs. Kenyon's retirement letter to the Committee. Mrs. Kenyon will be retiring in September and Mrs. Casaubon will retire in June.

The School Council is continuing to work on the School Improvement Plan. Mrs. Dold also announced the following upcoming events: December 14, report card distribution, December 15, Parent Conferences; December 22, Winter Concert.

Mrs. Dold reported that new wall mats were purchased for the gym by the Recreation Department. She asked that the old wall mats be declared obsolete.

MOTION 11-40 by Erik Iller, second by Susan Kennedy to declare the old wall mats in the gym obsolete. Motion approved unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Durgin spoke about the storm issues. The 5 days that were missed must be made up. By mid-January he will assess the situation.

Mr. Durgin will meet with the chairs of all committees on Monday, 11/14 to discuss the Search Committee for the Superintendent.

Mr. Durgin also reported that the Army Rock Band came to the high school on 11/7 and 4th grade students and 5th and 6th grade elementary band students from all elementary schools attended.

Beauty and the Beast will be performed at the high school on 11/17, 18, 19 and 20.

Camp Bournedale update – plans have been finalized with Arnie Gerson from Camp Bournedale. Students will go 2 1/2 days the same week as Burgess. There will be overlapping time and a cook-out will be held in the middle so that students from all elementary schools will be able to spend time together.

National Assessment scores – MA scored top in Math and ELA for grade 4-8.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 11-41 by Steven Anderstrom, second by Erik Iller to authorize putting \$1000 in the budget to help fund the Bournedale trip. Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION 11-42 by Steven Anderstrom, second by Erik Iller to cancel the December School Committee meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Mr. Kennedy spoke about storm issues.

MOTION 11-43 by Susan Kennedy, second by Steven Anderstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Mandell, Secretary