

**WINCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD
WINCHESTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Present: K. Bazan, T. Croteau, L. Picard, S. Thompson, H. Griffus

Administration Present: J. Lewis, E. Jackson, V. Carey

The meeting was called to order by Chair, K. Bazan at 6:32pm.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Bambi Truesdell asked about the Diluzio van picking up a student each day. Who is picking up the tab?

J. Lewis advised there is a student who needs services that we could find no other provider for. A specific type of vehicle is needed; it is not cheap.

V. Carey advised it needs to be wheelchair accessible.

J. Lewis advised he couldn't get into detail due to privacy laws.

Robert Leustek came tonight to suggest that Board meetings be video recorded. Explained in the past all public meetings were packed. Feels due to age of some people, limitations for getting to meetings, etc.; plus the fact that people feel intimidated at meetings, people would like to be able to view the meetings at home. Explained that Roberta Frazier advised the Town doesn't have the equipment. Robert Leustek advised he would join Cheshire TV and he will pay the \$50.00 to have the meetings videotaped and posted to Youtube and on Cheshire TV. There would be no cost to Winchester. He feels it would lead to more community involvement. He read the RSA.

Robert Leustek advised he will not pursue this unless the Board has a Motion and vote in the affirmative.

K. Bazan wondered if he was checking with the right people. Would it be Comcast through Brattleboro?

Robert Leustek explained currently Cheshire TV has blank space for Winchester as they don't have anything on there.

K. Bazan – Definitely a Board discussion; will put it on the agenda. Is there any timeline for you?

Robert Leustek – No.

K. Bazan was not sure when it would be.

Barry Montgomery advised he came tonight to support what Robert Leustek said. Felt if J. Lewis is going to be the CAST rep., maybe he could use that time to let them know about this.

J. Lewis – Yes, but there has been no decision.

Barry Montgomery understood that.

K. Bazan MOVED to approve the public minutes of 9/1/16 as corrected, under Principal's Report amending *she to he*; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 4-0-1 (T. Croteau – abstained), MOTION PASSED.

SAU 29:

Keene High School Principal, Jim Logan and Superintendent, Robb Malay came to the Board to give a report on Winchester students at Keene High School. Jim Logan explained this is a baseline, a starting point. It is important to know the stories behind a lot of this from 2015-2016.

Jim Logan reviewed the Keene High School end-of-year report on the Smart Board.

Jim Logan advised the number of kids leaving Keene from Winchester is moving; there are several paths for earning diplomas. Advised today it is not an option not to graduate; it is a State requirement. Kids stay until they graduate, through some path.

Jim Logan reviewed GPA's – The average for Keene High School is 2.85 and the average for Winchester students at Keene is 2.37. Explained it could be two or three students bringing the number down.

Jim Logan advised they encourage students to get involved; there are 54 students participating in after-school activities. How can we get more kids involved? Advised it could be many issues. Students are in the library until 5:00 pm. Winter Sports especially, have staggered times, but other than games, students are done by 5:00 pm. Clubs, etc. are held on Wednesdays.

Jim Logan advised they just received the SAT report. Reading scores were a little higher and Writing was lower than the national average and a little lower than the national average in Math. Six Winchester students took the SAT's once and six took them twice. Scores for Verbal, 514; Math, 508 and Writing, 465.

Jim Logan advised Keene has a robust Advanced Placement Program.

Keene High School has 152 AP courses. Students can sit in on the exam without taking the course. Three seniors from Winchester took AP courses.

Jim Logan reviewed where 28 of 30 students from Winchester were going after graduation.

Jim Logan advised there are different tiers in the conduct portion of the report. He reviewed Winchester infractions with the Board. Explained he can drill down on those with J. Lewis at any time.

WSD infractions – 439
KHS infractions – 2100

Many students have many infractions. There is a story behind all of these names. Some have two or three which is okay; all are okay when you think about it.

ISS/Out-of-School Suspensions were 54 from Winchester.

Breakdown of grades for infractions from WSD:

153 Freshman
81 Sophomores
149 Juniors
56 Seniors

Jim Logan advised last year they added a system where they send out quarterly reports to sending schools. The report will be sent to J. Lewis every quarter. If J. Lewis wants more information they can send it to him; it is a starting point. Includes average GPA, average absences and average tardiness for students.

Jim Logan is sure there are things they could do differently, things they could do to help.

Jim Logan explained I-time is very helpful; includes advisory time on Mondays. Counselors schedule students into classes as needed, Tuesday through Friday.

They are working on scheduling all Winchester students into the gym to see what's working and what's not. Counselors will be there. J. Logan advised they are working on setting that up now.

K. Bazan asked about answers to questions that the Board and KHS Committee submitted.

Foundation level classes; how do students get out?

Jim Logan explained it is a course selection process. Counselors work closely with Winchester students. It becomes a partnership with Keene, counselors and parents. They can get out anytime based on the three pieces.

AREA: Robb Malay had given J. Lewis responses.

K. Bazan advised the Winchester Board and the KHS Committee came up with questions for Keene High School and SAU 29 to answer tonight. He wanted the public to know what they were.

K. Bazan read the following questions for the public:

*Asked about Winchester students and how Keene tracks students starting at the beginning of the year and then at the end of the year. Wanted to know where students go after Keene High School.

*Extra-Curricular activities

*Gaining access to e-mail addresses.

Jim Logan advised that has been taken care of; going back two to three weeks.

*Performance Reports

*AREA – Area Regional Educational Agreement. It is a long-term agreement between sending Towns and Keene High School. They receive a better tuition rate.

Robb Malay advised last year alone, the savings would have been \$250,000.

K. Bazan asked what the steps are to join the AREA.

Jim Logan explained he sat with J. Lewis and went over the steps. There would need to be a request from the Winchester School District to Keene High School.

K. Bazan – Do other towns vote on our inclusion?

Robb Malay advised he will clarify that; has heard two answers to that question.

Robb Malay advised if we joined, would go to the end of the 20-year cycle; in year seven.

K. Bazan - With regard to GPA's, wants to know how kids are doing early on.

Jim Logan advised that's why they do the quarterly report.

K. Bazan advised the Keene High School report is much more detailed than they have received before. A lot of detail; exactly what he wants to see.

K. Bazan wanted to know why out of all Winchester students, three times more are getting F's than A's. This Board is making an extra commitment to the high school students this year. We won't let them fall by the wayside. A lot are excelling, but not 100%.

Jim Logan suggested maybe they should poll honor's classes; there is an endless string of data.

K. Bazan wants to be sure kids are being encouraged to take honors classes.

L. Picard appreciates the data. They can have one or two very low numbers that skew the rest. It is so good to see all the numbers laid out; a handful of students have a 3.0 GPA and up.

L. Picard feels there could be a few areas that they could help with to raise the numbers.

Jim Logan – 36 students in 2016-2017; two were early grads and two moved to other Towns. When we are looking at the data and the end of the year, the report may be included in some numbers reported, but not the State report for the end of the year.

L. Picard asked about Jim Logan's statement that students could test in an AP class, but not be in the class.

Jim Logan explained the student could be very gifted and could pay and take the test without taking the course.

V. Carey – Sometimes it is scheduling.

L. Picard advised we are the largest sending district, but certainly there are similarities to other sending schools.

Jim Logan explained there are challenges with students; GPA's are lower than some schools. Keene High School wants all students to be successful. They are working on them individually. It is not by the town they are from. Not about pitting town against town.

Jim Logan advised they have to do something with GPA's. There are students with discipline issues who can't stay after school. There are fights, bus incidents, etc. Overall, discipline is a piece, a fraction of what's at the high school. There are probably 10 students, probably GPA's and attendance rates go together. There is patterns/history.

Jim Logan – Where is Winchester in the mix? Look at students and see the same challenge in every school. Advised there are probably 10-15 Winchester students who are challenging.

Jim Logan explained with the seniors it is like a light bulb will go on; it is rewarding to see them turn into adults.

Jim Logan advised there are some spots they need to look at, not just Winchester.

L. Picard explained we formed a Keene High School Committee so we could have more information/involvement. If we can get an in-depth report, it would be beneficial so we can support students at Keene.

Robb Malay – Perhaps Jim Logan could add activities to the quarterly report.

Jim Logan advised he can't stress enough that this is a starting point for data.

Jim Logan invited the Board to a breakfast information meeting on November 3rd at 7:45 am. He advised he has only had four people attend.

Jim Logan advised there is information on the KHS website including the year-end report, program of studies, etc. Advised homecoming is Saturday and the dance is Saturday night. The girls will be playing under the lights Friday and the boys Saturday.

T. Croteau advised there is a GPA that is less than one. There are some students with high absences and some with only five or six.

Jim Logan explained with high absences the truant officer can get involved; there could be a court CHINS or medical issue.

Can tell you the story is not over. They report typically any days over 10 to the truant officer and get counselors involved.

T. Croteau advised about 20 GPA's are less than two. Are the students held back? What happens with them?

Jim Logan explained they don't hold students back as they are working on competencies. Could see a fifth or sixth year senior at KHS. There are different ways to get credits.

T. Croteau – So if a student has a .9 GPA, they can still graduate?

Jim Logan advised they would need to look at the schedules and stories of students.

J. Lewis could go to Keene and pull information for those students.

T. Croteau – If the average GPA of 20 students is below two; is Keene High School the right fit? Asked about exclusivity; what does Winchester need to do to allow students to try a different place?

Robb Malay believes there has been discussion and negotiation on that. It is between the two Boards. Believes they provided the answer twice. Keene is not providing an exclusivity amendment.

L. Picard asked what the target date is for competency-based grading.

Jim Logan advised the grading is not even in the mix yet. For this year the goal is to work on school-wide competencies and next year course competencies. At some point the report card will change. If he had a crystal ball he would say not for four to five years, at least.

Val Cole thinks it would be useful to find out how many Winchester students have a job after school to show availability for after-school activities and extra help.

Jim Logan advised if Winchester does a survey, they could add that at Keene High School.

Robb Malay feels there may also be students who need to be home to look after siblings.

Sue Rice asked for clarification on the statement that every student must graduate.

Jim Logan explained students can't drop out.

Sue Rice – But they can once they turn 18.

Jim Logan - Right, but we do whatever we can to get them to graduate.

Bonnie McAlpine asked if there are still high school kids taking courses in Winchester.

J. Lewis advised through the Alt Ed Program.

E. Jackson advised she was very pleased with the report. Appears information is more accurate. She asked about the W11 column; is that included in the diploma number?

Jim Logan advised yes; it is already included.

E. Jackson advised she got a different number.

Jim Logan – Could be an over-lap report. There could be some discrepancies.

Jim Logan reviewed the 2015-2016 report; advised they would have to go back to Power School to review the 2013-2014 report.

E. Jackson asked if the two students that graduated early are in the completed column.

Jim Logan advised no; but he will double-check the data.

E. Jackson – Asked if students who go into the work force could take AP classes?

Jim Logan advised they definitely can, but counselors might feel there is a more appropriate class for them based on their career choice. Some students take both AP and Cheshire Career Center classes.

E. Jackson thinks data from Cheshire Career Center would be helpful, too.

L. Picard advised a lot of students are taking a year off or working and then go to school. Maybe that data isn't captured.

Robb Malay advised that is what the post-secondary information is; what the kids report.

Barry Montgomery asked if Keene was considered a college-preparatory school.

Jim Logan explained KHS prepares students for college/career; it is a school of lifelong learning. Every student has an option.

Barry Montgomery – A college and career school is that the way you would describe Keene? Is there any comparison of all sending schools?

Jim Logan – No; Keene High School is one school.

Barry Montgomery advised the RSA says every area of NH must do a report on wellness. Did you know that and is there a correlation between that and wellness of Keene?

J. Logan advised he has seen the report; have never done that.

Barry Montgomery asked for the percentage of teachers trained in Special Ed.

Jim Logan advised 21. All teachers are trained in content, delivery and IEP.

Robb Malay advised 25% of teachers are Special Ed; all teachers had to be trained. They have very good teaching capabilities to spot kids and could teach any student.

Robb Malay feels Barry Montgomery had a good point. KHS was concerned whether they were providing services from Pre-School up. They had a consultant come in to see what practices Keene is using and what is good and what is not. They should receive the report in October or November.

Barry Montgomery asked what happens to seniors not qualified to graduate.

Jim Logan explained they time-out at a certain age. Typically by the senior year there is an intense intervention. There are mechanisms put in place where all students who want to be successful are. They could look to bring those students back to Winchester.

Heather Griffus asked if after-school programs turn students away because there is no room.

Jim Logan – No, they don't turn students away from clubs. In sports, students need to try out.

K. Bazan asked how soon after graduation is the report available?

Jim Logan advised they just received the AP information last week. The quarterly report information could be available in July.

K. Bazan advised having more detail is great, but what do we do with the detail? They would like a commitment from Keene as to what to do with the detail.

K. Bazan asked that Jim Logan and Robb Malay pass a message on to the Keene School Board that Winchester has made a commitment to our students. The Board wants to know as much information as they possibly can. Exclusivity is a concern right now. The Board considers it to be important. They wished Mr. Murdough was here; thought he would be. They would like to see the Keene High School Board form a committee and meet with the WSD Board to discuss.

Robb Malay advised they do have an Education Committee. Those doors are always open.

K. Bazan is asking for a little extra attention. Thinks a couple of differences need to be acknowledged.

B. Malay advised they have offered resources; it is a collaborative effort. He appreciates the relationship with J. Lewis. Discussed maybe working together on a position; WSD has 40% and KHS 60% and would put them together.

Robb Malay invited everyone to a showing of "Most Likely to Succeed" at the Keene Middle School on October 21st at 6:30 pm. with discussion afterward. The film explores new approaches that aim to revolutionize teaching.

K. Bazan asked them to pass a message to the Keene School Board that the Winchester School Board looks forward to communicating with them.

The Board thanked Jim Logan and Robb Malay for coming.

The Board took a five minute break at 8:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

K. Bazan was under the impression that Mr. Murdough and Mr. Ruhr would be here tonight. Advised one half of our questions were for the Keene SAU and questions are not being answered. Asked J. Lewis to contact the Keene SAU and set up a meeting with our Board, the KHS subcommittee and Mr. Murdough and find out detailed information about the AREA.

K. Bazan advised there was some correspondence between Board chairs earlier this year regarding Special Education. He doesn't think they received that review yet.

V. Carey – They don't have the report yet.

K. Bazan feels the report has gotten better each year; with more details you get more questions.

L. Picard feels the message and intent has changed and that is why they changed the name of the Committee to the Keene High School Committee and not the Keene High Withdrawal Committee because the intent has changed.

K. Bazan feels basically it is accurate, but sees that it could change to include looking at education outside Keene High School.

Fourth Grade Student Count Update:

The Board asked about the 4th grade count.

J. Lewis advised it is stable; there are 25 students in each class.

T. Croteau asked Mrs. Chase and Ms. Richardson how it is going.

Mrs. Chase advised it is hard moving around the room; hard to do things.

Ms. Richardson – There are 29 people in the room, plus desks; grouping is hard to do.

J. Lewis advised the chain of command is teachers to the vice principal, principal and then superintendent.

T. Croteau – Didn't mean to put them on the spot.

Ms. Richardson explained there are small groups and then the rest of the kids are doing something else. It gets pretty loud just with kids talking. Smaller groups are doing hands on work.

K. Bazan – Wants to keep hearing about this.

J. Lewis – Understands, but feels the chain of command is important.

Focus II Chill Zone Update:

Dividers are in; not a lot of luck getting someone to build the structure. Need to advertise on Facebook and in the newsletter; need to get it done.

J. Lewis invites people, if they know anyone, to have them contact him.

J. Lewis – Sound dividers are working in the meantime, but not good enough.

L. Picard asked if they will follow up on this again.

J. Lewis – Absolutely.

L. Picard asked E. Jackson to see if a building permit will be required. Thinks the fire chief would also look at occupancy and egress.

E. Jackson will bring the answer for the next meeting. The chill zone will come back for follow-up discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy GBEAA and JRB, GBEBE and GBJ First Reading:

J. Lewis – Confidential information is of concern to him. They have a policy currently in place; need a re-review.

E. Jackson advised two policies are new.

K. Bazan will bring back GBEAA and JRB for a second reading, GBEBE for a second reading and GBJ will just have a change of date reviewed.

J. Lewis advised the team did a great job handling the issue with the broken water main yesterday. He was in Concord. Explained as Winchester goes by the number of hours instead of days per student, we already are over hours and do not need to make up the day the students missed.

K. Bazan advised they did an excellent job.

L. Picard asked if the Blackboard Connect test has been done.

J. Lewis – Not yet.

L. Picard suggested he put it in the newsletter so people know we are doing testing in case they don't get the message.

L. Picard – Heard from a couple of people that they didn't get a call.

L. Picard – Some parents absolutely don't have a contingency plan. Maybe we could have some kind of backup plan.

J. Lewis – Could we get information from people if something happens. What would they want us to do?

E. Jackson did speak to ACCESS to see if they could pull something together, but they couldn't.

L. Picard thinks they did an excellent job getting the word out. There is room to work on it.

V. Carey advised two young children came back on the bus; some kids were in the library waiting for their parents.

FINANCIAL REPORT – E. Jackson:

K. Bazan MOVED to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$30,749.81; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Bazan MOVED to approve the Payroll Manifest of 10/7/16 in the amount of \$217,349.94; SECONDED by: L. Picard, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

*The roof assessment has been done. Marvin Smart came out to look at the roof; advised the rubber roof of the Julia B. Thayer building has five to eight years left. There are some patches on it. The seams need to be repaired.

*There is an issue with the shingles Baybutt installed. They didn't last 10 years; it should have been 30 years.

E. Jackson was reminded that we had a bond for that project. She could check with the bond company. Marvin Smart hasn't done a full assessment yet. He will when he gets his lift back.

*Railings will be installed for the two steps in front of the Thayer building at \$100.00 per railing. They should be done by next week; installed and painted. We are receiving a good discount.

*DOL revisit. We have eight open items, all safety issues which include railings, eye wash stations, clearance around boiler, third floor issues and electrical.

*Auditor was here yesterday; had to reschedule due to water issue. He was doing a clean-up, so E. Jackson can do the DOE25. He is available next week. The Budget Committee meeting will be 10/11/16.

*E. Jackson will bring the Inventory & Equipment Management Policy to a future meeting.

*The portal has been updated.

*Food Service needs help; if anyone knows anyone interested in a position. Last week there was one person in each kitchen.

- L. Picard – Any feedback when people leave as to why?
- E. Jackson – Yes, they are very vocal about it; it is the money.
- K. Bazan – Need to keep getting the word out there.
- J. Lewis – Will discuss in Non-Public.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – V. Carey:

Mike Depew is at Nature’s Classroom this week. He took the time to go up and make a connection with the eighth grade; will be back tomorrow.

- K. Bazan asked if they could get a report on the entire trip.
- J. Lewis – Yes, will have the kids report.

*Discussed plans for the upcoming Workshop day.

*V. Carey advised at the staff meeting yesterday the staff was asked what is going well. They responded with team collaborations, working with great paras, support from Administration, etc.

They were also asked to advise something they found amazing from a staff member/ colleague.

V. Carey advised there were themes about a cafeteria worker doing a really great job; kudos to paras working with challenging students; music/band program; kids are excited. She wants to discuss with Mike Duprey how to use information to acknowledge people.

*Fourth grade numbers are still high, but not going up. Concerns are space; need to change format of lessons and more larger/smaller groups. Gave kudos to teachers, but need to avoid 25 kids in a class. Who are the kids; some handle distractions better than others.

*V. Carey and Mike Duprey want to have brainstorming sessions. Maybe they need different furniture for that number of students. They will let the Board know if they need anything.

L. Picard asked about the population coming in.

V. Carey – 418.

L. Picard – Now 437; it didn’t decline.

V. Carey – Explained they see changes sometimes in the Spring. Some families go to campgrounds and become homeless; some stay here and some don’t. Feels the season has something to do with it.

L. Picard advised there is a lot of talk about declining enrollment, but it didn’t decline. She wants to look at that at budget time.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – J. Lewis:

*T. Croteau donated a cord of wood to be raffled off by the Student Council. Mike Duprey is working on it. T. Croteau will deliver to the winner if it is around town.

*Head checks – J. Lewis had been unable to find anyone to do the lice checks. He has been given a couple of names. Applewood has said they will come in to do them.

*J. Lewis attended the Bradley Kidder Law Conference and reviewed with the Board.

*Should have established app and webpage format and pictures uploaded by the end of October. J. Lewis read the rule under Section 504. Feels they need to get a screen reader that actually speaks for those who can’t see. Will need a policy.

*Encourages information about sports teams, where the principal is this week, etc. on Facebook. Need to keep up on it.

T. Croteau – What is the status of the webpage?

J. Lewis – With the application comes a new webpage. He should have a format example for the next meeting.

E. Jackson advised snow plowing has gone out-to-bid. She will keep it open in the website and newspaper until 10/27 at 1:00 pm.

K. Bazan asked E. Jackson to see what the cost of an ad in the Recorder would be.

K. Bazan asked J. Lewis to let the Select Board know plowing went out- to-bid.

E. Jackson asked him to acknowledge Dale Gray at the upcoming Select Board meeting for agreeing to doing the salt and sanding.

K. Bazan asked J. Lewis to double-check the website to be sure the Budget Meetings are posted as 10/18 and 10/24.

L. Picard – Need to focus on agenda and breakdown of certain functions so people will know what will be discussed. The meeting will be two hours max.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Loss:

They met last week. If anyone has concerns about safety issues, notify E. Jackson. Need to reiterate protocol to get issues taken care of. One budget item would be wheels to move things around in the classroom.

Issue with HVAC system:

T. Croteau – Maybe Marvin Smart can look at the roof vents.

E. Jackson talked about Liability and Workers' Compensation issues. Suggested having the insurance company come out and review in Joint Loss.

J. Lewis advised the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at 3:30 pm.

Keene High School:

The meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday.

K. Bazan asked J. Lewis to make sure it is posted.

Negotiations:

The next meeting will be held on October 13th.

NHSBA:

L. Picard advised they have great participation for the upcoming training. Feels there will be a lot to report back on.

Scholarship:

T. Croteau advised the Alumni Association held their dinner the same day as the Pickle Festival; about 40 people attended.

Select Board Representative:

S. Thompson will attend with J. Lewis.

Sick Bank:

J. Lewis advised they need to schedule a meeting; there is a lot to discuss.

K. Bazan feels it is important to schedule a meeting before the next Board meeting.

Energy Conservation/Facilities/Professional Development and Technology:

L. Picard thinks they could firm up some dates to share information.

K. Bazan feels if they schedule meetings, things will happen.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Melanie Harrison was impressed with Keene's report, but she thought it would be nice to focus on K-8. Feels the things they are discussing start here. It is great to be concerned about high school students, but feels that is all they hear about. She would like to see information, trends, etc. that would help the high school kids, because it starts here.

K. Bazan has heard before that we send kids to Keene High School unprepared. Feels it is unfair to staff and kids, but thinks the challenges in Keene start here. Need to be more proactive.

Walker Picard advised in the lunch room almost everyday everyone is goofing off, throwing food, etc. Someone tells them to stop and they don't. Everyone is punished for that in the fifth grade.

J. Lewis explained there are concerns in there.

L. Picard advised it is being looked into. She thinks Walker is exhibiting frustration because everyone is lumped in together.

Sue Rice advised there may be new staff members in the lunch room.

J. Lewis advised they need the staff to move around the lunch room to the different students.

Sue Rice – Probably wouldn't hurt to reiterate the rules.

Heather Pelkey hears the same thing from her fifth grader.

Barbara Depew thinks Winchester has the best staff, but sometimes in lunch they are one-on-one. There are a lot more one-on-one aides, not shared aides. If they need to move a child, they don't have enough staffing. It is a constant topic.

Barbara Depew – PTA meeting is October 10th; invites anyone to attend at 6:00 pm.

Heather Pelkey hopes with the upcoming budget they are looking closely at the numbers. Feels there shouldn't be over 20 students in a class; even that is too high. She would like to see a Technology Director. Feels things are falling to the wayside.

Sue Rice – Is it too late to split the fourth grade class this year? There is an ISS opening.

Bambi Truesdell feels in big classes kids suffer.

K. Bazan – The Board is concerned. When they start talking about next year, need to be sure to present to the Town what is best for the kids.

V. Carey – Eighth grade Advisory helps. Special Education Case Manager is pushing in more and pulling out kids; she does not have as big a case load.

V. Carey explained there are not as many paras in those classrooms. Need them, but they are not called for as much as in the fourth grade. There is also less furniture than in the fourth grade. Kids and teachers aren't happy with the high class size.

L. Picard – Anything over 20 kids is not good. Advised they did not decrease the student number this year.

Heather Pelkey – Is it too late to do something with the fourth grade?

K. Bazan put it to Administration.

J. Lewis feels it is dependent on if someone comes in or someone goes out of district.

L. Picard MOVED to go into non-public session under RSA91-A:3(c) at 9:38 pm; SECONDED by: K. Bazan, T. Croteau – yes, K. Bazan – yes, S. Thompson – yes, L. Picard – yes, H. Griffus – yes, MOTION PASSED.

K. Bazan MOVED to come out of non-public session at 10:24pm; SECONDED by: S. Thompson, K. Bazan – yes, S. Thompson – yes, T. Croteau – yes, L. Picard – yes, H. Griffus – yes, MOTION PASSED.

K. Bazan advised while in non-public session the Board discussed a new position and program in the school and approved non-public minutes.

L. Picard MOVED to seal the non-public minutes for one year; SECONDED by: T. Croteau, VOTED: 5-0, MOTION PASSED.

K. Bazan MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 10:26pm; SECONDED by: S. Thompson, MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Higgins
School Board Secretary