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4 **CONWAY SCHOOL BOARD**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
6 **February 22, 2010**
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8 A meeting of the Conway School Board was held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the
9 Loynd Auditorium at the Kennett High School.
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11 **Members present:** Dick Klement, Syndi White, Janine McLauchlan, Rick Breton and Randy Davison
12 were present. Chairperson Sheryl Kovalik and Assistant Chair Kelley Murphy were not present. Carl
13 Nelson was also present.
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15 Signing of Manifests (6:20 p.m.)
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17 1. Call to Order (6:30 p.m.) by Dick Klement.
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19 2. Salute to the Flag
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21 3. Approve Minutes (2-8-10)
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23 Motion: by Randy, seconded by Janine, to review, discuss, and vote on minutes. **5-0-0.**
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25 4. Personnel
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27 A. Consider Regular Personnel Changes

28 Motion: by Randy, seconded by Rick, to review and discuss items as a group but
29 vote on them individually.
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31 1. Accept Resignation of Linda Landon - **5-0-0.**

32 2. Request by Michelle LaRue for Personal Leave – **5-0-0.**

33 3. Election of Judy Capreralla as 1:1 Sp. Ed. Aide at CES – **5-0-0.**
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35 5. Presentation of School Programs/FYI ITEMS
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37 A. KHS Student Representative – None.

38 B. Principals' and Directors' Reports (first meeting of the month) – None.
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40 6. Public Comments – None.
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42 7. Old Business – None.
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44 8. Instructional Issues - None.
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46 9. Business Affairs
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48 A. Consider Approval of Tennis Park for Children in North Conway

49 Nancy Osborne, President of the Mount Washington Community Tennis Association,
50 sent in a letter to request use of the old SAU parking lot to provide tennis instruction for
51 children. They will put in a series of short courts to teach children how to play tennis.
52 They will be stored when the courts are not in use. Randy's only concern was that of
53 safety. Carl stated this would be their responsibility. Dick stated the letter said the
54 whole perimeter would be enclosed with snow fence which could also be stored when
55 the courts are not in use. Rick asked if there was any liability to the district. Carl stated
56 anytime someone uses school property there is liability, but they would have to provide
57 a certificate of additional insurance. Rick suggested each parent/guardian sign a

58 waiver; Dick said this could be suggested.

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60 Motion: by Janine, seconded by Syndi, to review, discuss and vote on item.
61 **5-0-0.**
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63 10. Administrators' Reports – There is an SAU Board Meeting on Thursday, March 25th in
64 Jackson. Carl provided board members with a copy of what the public is receiving for the
65 deliberative session; he has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the deliberative session
66 and if anyone has changes or additions, get them to Carl before noon on Wednesday. He
67 requested the Board meet in the auditorium at 6:00 on March 1st for a dry run through before
68 the deliberative session.

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70 11. Board Members' Issues -- Board Discussion

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72 Randy asked Carl to provide him with the timeframe that is going to be put in place for finals
73 for seniors if they hold an A average and, therefore, are exempt from the final exam.

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75 Syndi stated the committee that the board formed to look into moving grade 6 to the middle
76 school will have their first meeting on Wednesday, February 24th. Carl prepared an agenda
77 and when she read it, it wasn't exactly what she was thinking of doing. As Chairperson of the
78 committee, does she usually prepare the agenda? Given what the agenda is, it looks like it is
79 focusing on continuing what has already been talked about. She knows that when they talked
80 about creating the committee they really looked at what is the middle school going to look like
81 if they brought grade 6 over there. Randy had a lot of questions that he has brought up all year
82 long on the teams, etc. She wants feedback from the board if this is what they want the
83 committee to look at or focus on the extras. Carl stated he thinks the committee needs to
84 decide what recommendation they want to make to the board and let the board decide if they
85 want to pursue it or not. If they want to pursue it, then the ball gets handed to Kevin to design
86 a program. Syndi stated that is not at all what they discussed. Carl stated it is Kevin's
87 building, he should design the program; and then the committee can critique the program.
88 Syndi stated the K-8 Committee already made the recommendation to move forward with
89 moving 6th grade to the middle school. Then the board decided to create this committee so
90 that they could really have a thorough look at what academics would look like with 6th grade
91 there and look at some different scenarios. After reading the agenda Carl prepared, she thinks
92 that Carl and the board have different ideas of what the committee is to do. Syndi wants to
93 know what the board wants the committee to do. Dick suggested Syndi chat with Kevin and he
94 may have several different alternatives. Dick suggested the committee come up with a mission
95 statement. Financially, is 6th grade going to emulate the educational thrust of 7th and 8th? Are
96 they going to be in separate rooms, etc., are they going to cohabitate 6th grade with 7th and 8th
97 or do they need a separate area? This would be an example of how he would ask a question;
98 the committee would investigate it, and report back to the board. Carl stated there is a central
99 item on the agenda which has to do with the sending towns. It will cost Albany and Eaton
100 more money. Janine stated what she would like to get out of the committee is to make sure
101 that it is appropriate for the students to be brought up to the middle school with no potential
102 negative impacts on their learning, social development, etc. Syndi stated that the original K-8
103 Committee researched this and studies that had been done. They looked at what current
104 research was showing and the configuration of schools and the benefits, etc. Randy noted
105 that Fryeburg has 6th, 7th, and 8th grade in the middle school and they are considering pulling
106 the 5th grade to the middle school. Randy believes it is within Kevin to bring forth models that
107 he thinks will work. Syndi stated public input is going to be a huge part. She would like to
108 discuss how the board feels about public input. Rick thinks once the committee comes
109 together with what they want to do, a write-up should be placed in the paper and a meeting
110 should be held for the public.

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112 Rick stated he has had some calls from parents regarding an incident during Winter Carnival.
113 He would like to enter into non-public session after the board meeting for discussion.
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115 Janine thinks it is really important that the taxpayers know that they have input into the warrant
116 articles and things are not done until the vote is done and they need to be present at the

117 deliberative session.

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119 Dick stated the deliberative session is the last time to change figures. He urges the public to
120 attend the deliberative session.

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122 Randy asked if the dollar amount is going to be changing. Does the board vote again? Carl
123 explained how this works at the deliberative session.

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125 A. Committee Reports

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127 Dick stated the Policy Committee met last week regarding the co-curricular policy.
128 There was a lot of good discussion. They have been sending questions/answers to
129 each other. They will be back at it on March 3rd. He is hopeful to have something for
130 the board soon.

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132 12. Public Comments (time permitting) – None.

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134 13. Nonpublic Session - RSA 91-A:3 II (at 6:52.

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136 Motion: by Randy, seconded by Rick, to enter into nonpublic session for student matters.
137 By roll call vote; all in favor.

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139 Board entered into nonpublic session at 6:52 p.m.

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141 Nonpublic Session Minutes

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143 Dr. Nelson provided information on a past personnel item.

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145 Dr. Nelson answered a question about an incident at Spirit Day on Friday before the break.

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147 **Janine McLauchlan moved to return to Public Session and adjourn. The motion was**
148 **seconded by Rick Breton and passed unanimously at 7:05 p.m.**
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