

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
JACKSON SCHOOL BOARD  
Whitney Community Center  
March 15, 2010**

1. **Call to Order:** The Jackson School Board met at 6:00 p.m. Present were Jerry Dougherty, Genn Anzaldi, Andrew Kearns, Keith Bradley, Joe Kopitsky, Dr. Carl Nelson and Gayle Dembowski. There were four members of staff/public present.
2. **Approve Minutes (2-4-10): Motion was made by Mr. Kopitsky, seconded by Ms. Anzaldi, to approve the Minutes of the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as circulated. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

3. **Citizen Comments:** None.

4. **Presentation of School Programs/FYI Items:**

**A. SAU – Other School Board Reports –** Dr. Nelson reported the search for Transportation Coordinator has begun. Mark Blotner is representing Jackson on the search team.

The next SAU Board meeting is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Town Hall.

5. **Old Business:**

**A. Transportation of Skis on Buses –** Mr. Bradley stated he had met with Mr. Blotner to discuss this and he does not see an issue with it, except that they are not allowed to pick up skis at the kids' bus stops. Ms. Dembowski explained if he were to stop at each bus stop and get out and open the compartment and store each set of skis, it would alter his route - he is not allowed to do that. Skis would have to be picked up at the school, then they would have to coordinate what happens when they get to the high school. Dr. Nelson said it is a question of contacting the Athletic Director and Mr. Voci regarding storage – they have to pick them up here, drop them off here, and plan for storage. The buses are all equipped for storage for transporting.

**Defibrillator –** Mr. Kearns questioned expected arrival of the defibrillator. Ms. Dembowski stated it arrived today in time for the staff to do the training on Wed. Mr. Kearns questioned where the case for it is. Ms. Dembowski said she is not sure. Mr. Kearns said if there is not one, we need to decide where it is to be kept in the meantime. (He had suggested a wall mounted case at the previous meeting.)

**Outdoor Lighting –** Mr. Kearns wished to know the status of the outdoor lighting and was told it is done.

**6. Instructional Issues:**

**A. Consider Approval of 2010-11 School Calendar – Motion by Mr. Bradley, second by Mr. Kopitsky, that the Board approve the 2010-11 School Calendar as proposed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**7. Consider Personnel Actions:** None.**8. Business Affairs:**

**A. FYI – 2009-10 Budget Status Report** - Dr. Nelson reported the District is still in the black and in good shape.

**9. Administrators' Reports:**

**A. Superintendent** – Dr. Nelson announced receipt of a letter from DES requesting additional information regarding the Jackson School District's wetlands permit on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. As a result he contacted H.E. Bergeron who is working on the response (which he has not seen as yet). They are to provide the information requested within sixty days time from the date of the request. Mr. Bradley stated Mr. Bordash has noted they have not been here yet to take any pictures. Dr. Nelson said he assumes they will wait until the snow is off the ground. He will follow up on this on Tuesday.

**B. Principal** – Ms. Dembowski reported on upcoming events: Staff CPR and SOLO training will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Louis Fuchs Concert is coming up – they will be working during the day and presenting in the evening at the music school.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> grades 4, 5 & 6 are doing a Medieval Festival; April 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a staff workshop in the morning and parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon.

**10. Citizens Comments:** None.**11. Board Member Issues – Board Discussion:**

**A. Set Date for Next Meeting – April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. at the school, a reorganization meeting.

Mr. Bradley noted that this year policy was changed that in order to be in band a child had to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade (previously 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were included). Ms. Dembowski stated there was a demand for more time and the teacher could not fit everyone in so they went back to starting with 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She noted all of the other schools begin with 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Kearns asked for a time line regarding teacher evaluations and contracts. Ms. Dembowski commented she does not have any new teachers this year. They are starting the process now on signing off on hours of certification as well as summative evaluations, to be done by April 15th.

Mr. Kearns questioned the progress of the debit card for insurance. Dr. Nelson stated that is all in the budget.

Dr. Nelson reported that the tax rate will be going up a total of four cents if everything passes, including warrant articles. Mr. Kearns requested a summary with all new insurance breakdown, debit card figures, etc.

Mr. Kearns thanked Mr. Dougherty for “his enormous amount of hard work over the last many years,” especially his work dealing with the Whitney Center. This sentiment was echoed by other Board members. Mr. Dougherty stated he has enjoyed his years on the School Board, and offered to still be involved with grounds issues, etc.

12. **Signing of Manifest:** All documents were duly signed.
13. **Non Public Session:** None.
14. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Mr. Kopitsky, seconded by Mr. Bradley and carried by unanimous vote, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier  
Recording Secretary