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**MILFORD SCHOOL BOARD Minutes
(SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT No. 40)
March 15, 2010**

1. **Call to Order** Superintendent Suprenant called this meeting of the Milford School Board to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday March 15, 2010, in the Lecture Hall # 182 at the Milford High School. Those present, together with interested citizens, were:
 - School Board Present** Peter Bragdon, Paul Dargie, Carolyn Halstead, Len Mannino, and Bob Willette.
 - Staff Present** Robert Suprenant, Superintendent of Schools; Katie Chambers, Business Administrator; and Laurel Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.
 - Recorder** J. Bradford Seabury.

2. **Board Member Comments** Chairman Bragdon asked if there were any comments from Board members. None being brought forward, he continued to the next agenda item.

3. **Organization of School Board (per policy 2154)**
 - a. **Election of Officers** Superintendent Suprenant called the meeting in accordance with Policy 2154 and NH RSA 92:5, saying the first item would be the nomination of officers,
 - (1) **Chairman** Superintendent Suprenant asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Willette nominated Mr. Bragdon. No further nominations being brought forward, Superintendent Suprenant called for a vote. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).
 - (2) **Vice-Chairman** Chairman Bragdon asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Willette nominated Mr. Dargie. There being no other nominations Chairman Bragdon declared Mr. Dargie the vice-chairman.
 - (3) **Secretary** Chairman Bragdon noted that there had not been a secretary for the past few years, and he suggested that this be left in abeyance.

Chairman Bragdon at this time introduced Ms. Carolyn Halstead, the newly elected member of the School Board. He then introduced other members of the School Board and staff members at the table.
 - b. **Appointments** Chairman Bragdon noted that appointments had to be made next.

Truant Officer (RSA 189:34 & 35) Chairman Bragdon noted that the Milford Police Department currently was serving as the Truant Officer; he then stated that, without objection, he would appoint the Police Department as a whole as the Truant Officer. No objections were raised.

c. Appointments of School Board Representatives to Advisory Committees

(1) Professional Development Committee Chairman Bragdon noted that the Professional Development Committee met Mondays every other month, noting that the current representative was Mr. Dargie. Mr. Dargie said he would volunteer to be the representative if no one else were interested, but noted he sometimes had trouble getting to the meetings. Chairman Bragdon asked if anyone were interested. Ms. Halstead said she would be willing to do that, and Chairman Bragdon stated that she would be the representative for this coming year.

(2) ATC Regional Center Advisory Committee Chairman Bragdon noted that the ATC Regional Advisory representative had been Mr. Becker. Ms. Halstead expressed an interest in this position, and Chairman Bragdon confirmed that Ms. Halstead could do both

(3) Wellness Committee Chairman Bragdon noted that Mr. Willette currently was the representative to the Wellness Committee. Mr. Willette said he had trouble getting to all of the meetings but was willing to continue to be on the committee, and Chairman Bragdon stated that Mr. Willette would be the Board's representative to the Wellness Committee.

(4) Granite Town Media Advisory Committee Chairman Bragdon noted that Mr. Mannino currently was the representative to the Granite Town Media Advisory Committee. Mr. Mannino confirmed his willingness to continue serving on that committee, and Chairman Bragdon declared that Mr. Mannino would be the Board's representative on the Granite Town Media Advisory Committee

(5) LEIP Committee Chairman Bragdon noted that he currently was the representative to the LEIP Committee, saying he felt it would be good for him to be on that, adding that Mr. Becker could serve as the citizen member of that committee along with him. Ms. Halstead expressed interest in that committee, and Chairman Bragdon said she could attend, with Mr. Becker serving as a citizen member.

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RSEC Chairman Bragdon asked Superintendent Suprenant to explain the RSEC (Regional Southeastern Consortium). Superintendent Suprenant discussed the activities and responsibilities, noting that Mr. Willette and Mr. Becker had served on the committee in the past. Chairman Bragdon asked if any member were particularly interested. Ms. Halstead said she would be interested in attending a few of the meetings. Superintendent Suprenant said the next meeting would-be this coming Wednesday, to make a decision on the budget. Chairman Bragdon appointed Ms. Halstead as a temporary member, without objection.
- d. **School Board Standing Subcommittees** Chairman Bragdon noted that there were two standing subcommittees of the School Board.
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Finance Subcommittee Chairman Bragdon noted that Mr. Dargie and Mr. Becker had been the members of the Finance Subcommittee for several years. Mr. Dargie expressed a willingness to continue serving on that subcommittee. Ms. Halstead expressed interest. Chairman Bragdon declared that the members of the Finance Subcommittee would be Mr. Dargie and Ms. Halstead.
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Policy Review Subcommittee Chairman Bragdon noted that Mr. Becker had been the past School Board member of the Policy Review Subcommittee. Mr. Dargie said he was also interested. Chairman Bragdon without objection appointed both Mr. Willette and Mr. Dargie to the Policy Review Subcommittee.
4. **Board Member Comments** Chairman Bragdon asked if there were any comments from Board members. None being brought forward, he continued to the next agenda item.
5. **Public Comments** Chairman Bragdon asked if there were any introductory comments from members of the audience. None being brought forward, he continued to the next agenda item.
6. **Reports and Presentations**
- a. **Superintendent's Report** Superintendent Suprenant expressed appreciation of the long break between this and the previous meeting. He then reported that the four staff members whose heroic efforts had resulted in the saving of student Zach Harper's life this past October (teachers Dana Bourassa and Jim St. Onge, nurse Mary Arrowsmith, and Assistant Principal Diane Doran) had been selected by the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Red Cross as Good Samaritan Heroes and would be recognized as such at a breakfast at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua on April 6th.

Superintendent Suprenant expressed congratulations to High School senior Lindsey Laforge for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of her time spent working with special education students and in local nursing homes.

Superintendent Suprenant reported that today was the final day for community members to complete the LEIP survey, reporting that more than 220 parents, over 190 staff members, and 83 community members had completed the surveys, in addition to the students. He also noted that the District was still waiting for copies from senior citizens and home-school parents, as well as a number of surveys Ms Johnson had collected on voting day.

Superintendent Suprenant expressed congratulations to senior Josh Kilgore for winning the Class I wrestling championship in the 189-pound weight classification--noting that Josh had won last year for the 170-lb category. He also expressed congratulations to the boys' basketball team, which would be entering the semi-finals of the Class I Championship competition this week at Durham.

Superintendent Suprenant reported on Kindergarten activities, noting that 72 Kindergarten students had been registered to date for next year, with the deadline for registration of a choice of morning or afternoon classes being April 2nd.

Superintendent Suprenant expressed congratulations to 8th-Grade student Kyle Doyle for placing second in the regional Spelling Bee, noting that Kyle would be participating in the State competition this coming Saturday at UNH Manchester.

Superintendent Suprenant publicly acknowledged the family and friends of David Kierney, a former Milford school administrator, for establishing an expendable trust fund in the name of David, who had recently passed away. He noted that the trust fund, which so far had received more than \$1800, would be dedicated to benefit the libraries of the Jacques and Heron Pond Schools.

Superintendent Suprenant noted that the NH Department of Education had announced that it had *not* been awarded the Race To The Top funding that had been hoped for, but would be trying again for the second round of applications in April. He noted that fifteen states were in the running, with the closest being the State of Massachusetts.

Ms. Peggy Howard, South Lowell Drive, asked how the Kindergarten enrollment compared with last year's. Superintendent Suprenant said he did not recall last year's figure, but he noted that the process had been different, as parents had to come in and pick up hardcopies last year but could do it online this year. Chairman Bragdon expressed a belief the Board would have a clearer idea by the next meeting.

7 New Business

- a. School Board Calendar for the New Term** Chairman Bragdon noted that he had provided a proposed 2010/2011 School Board Calendar, based on the previous years' calendars, and he expressed a desire to act on this matter this evening. Mr. Dargie moved to approve the calendar as submitted; Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).
- b. School Board Goals for the New Term (Preliminary Discussion)** Chairman Bragdon said it was time to discuss some broad ideas, noting that goals for the District, for which the Superintendent would be responsible, would be set in a couple months. He said one obvious goal was the contract with one of the labor groups, as well as the ongoing strategic process. He asked for ideas. Mr. Dargie said monitoring the construction project at Jacques should be one. Chairman Bragdon suggested taking a view of the State assessments, saying it was difficult for the School Board members to grasp them and even more so for the members of the public; he suggested that the Board should look for ways to consolidate the information for easier comprehension. He noted that a review of the just released test scores was scheduled to occur in the second meeting of May. Mr. Willette noted that the parking problem still needed to be solved. Chairman Bragdon noted that several other things were normally handled by the Board's usual process, saying he would be open to receiving other ideas between now and the next meeting.

Mr. Willette asked if the School Board should be looking for ways to improve PEG, suggesting that the Board should talk about this.

c. Financial Forecast. Business Administrator Chambers discussed the summary forecast provided in the meeting packet, saying the School District was still looking for a positive revenue for the end of the school year, primarily because of the arrangement with Mason, which had exceeded what had been estimated. She said expenditures were running pretty close to budget but that health insurance costs were increasing; she said post-employment benefits would have to be identified, saying there should be perhaps a more than \$600,000 surplus estimated right now to be released at the end of the year. Chairman Bragdon noted that \$19,000 was being shown on the actual budget, on the expense side. Ms. Chambers noted the increase in Medicare costs and certain other items, discussing line items which had changed significantly. She noted \$133,000 expense for the portables still had to be played out, commenting that the text book costs were fairly high, but that there would be savings in natural gas costs because of the favorable weather. She reported that the gas would be bid out again by the end of this month, concluding by noting that there would be another review of the finance situation close to the end of the school year.

2010/2011 School District Calendar Chairman Bragdon noted that Superintendent Suprenant had provided a proposed School District calendar for the coming school year. Mr. Dargie asked about the February vacation, noting that it had been moved from the last week in February to the first week in March. Superintendent Suprenant said he would discuss the whole calendar proposal, noting that the first document in the packet was the proposed draft, which was prepared by the administrators, after which it was discussed with the Association representatives. He said it was very similar to the 2009/2010 calendar, which he had also provided in the packet for comparison. He noted that he was required to approve a calendar that had either 180 days or an equivalent number of hours for the High School students, along with the appropriate number of emergency days, so he had based the draft on a 190-day calendar with ten emergency days. Referring to the traditional February vacation, he said it had been discussed, noting that Massachusetts traditionally scheduled its vacation one week in advance of New Hampshire's, and Massachusetts had selected the last week of February for next year; he said he had received a call from the superintendent of Amherst/Mont Vernon, who usually tried to coordinate, saying first that they did not want a March recess, but then had changed their minds, as they did not want the same weeks as Massachusetts. He said he wanted to stay with that, saying the principals did not have a problem and he had not received any information from the teachers' association.

Ms. Halstead asked about President's Day. Superintendent Suprenant said it would be the 21st, which would be the same as Massachusetts. Ms. Halstead asked if the previous week had been considered. Superintendent Suprenant said this would leave only six weeks after the Christmas vacation, which would mean a long stretch afterward until the spring vacation, saying it was usually seven or eight weeks. Mr. Dargie noted that the NH-DOE suggested calendar showed the week of the 21st. Superintendent Suprenant said he did not know who did follow that calendar, saying the north country often had a very different calendar, and he noted that the NH-DOE calendar had been prepared before the Massachusetts calendar had been known. Mr. Dargie said the students would be out for a week, come back on March 7th for one day, then be off for Voting Day; he said March 7th would be a throw-away day. Chairman Bragdon questioned if Voting Day should be a day off. Superintendent Suprenant said Administration could look at having school on the 8th and taking another day for workshops.

Chairman Bragdon asked the Superintendent to take the calendar back and consider the comments that had been made, returning it at the next meeting.

- e. **2010/2011 Operating Budget** Superintendent Suprenant referenced the handout pertaining to his previous discussion of the operating budget, saying he would be looking for confirmation in the staffing area from the School Board tonight. He noted that the Default Budget was about \$68,000 more than the proposed budget, but he needed the Board to take action on Option B Revised, particularly with regard to professional teachers, as he was obliged to notify by March 30th all people who would not be nominated for fulltime work (noting they would be eligible for part-time work). He confirmed that Option B Revised was his recommendation.

Chairman Bragdon asked about the GED program. Superintendent Suprenant said most of the expense was salary, saying he was planning on funding it with ARRA funds.

Chairman Bragdon moved that the District continue with Option B Revised as discussed by the Superintendent. Mr. Mannino seconded the motion. Mr. Dargie asked about bringing up money from next year's budget, saying he thought the Board should proceed with the process of notification but consider taking some of the more than \$500,000 surplus for some of these positions. He noted that the money was used to buy textbooks this year, taking it out of next year's account. Chairman Bragdon said the motion was to proceed and let the Superintendent notify the staff members accordingly. Mr. Dargie asked how the difference between the allocated and default budgets would be spent. Superintendent Suprenant said Administration was looking to fund some small items that were not in the budget, noting that he was in discussion with the Department of Education about funding teachers for Special Education training, using grant money, which the Department of Education was now questioning.

Mr. Mannino asked about the increased expense for computers, asking if these would be for computers that would last longer. Superintendent Suprenant said it had less to do with the hardware than with increasing the service into and between the buildings, working with Comcast. He said there had been hope of using some grant money to install fiber-optic cabling throughout the district, but the grant would not be enough to cover the costs, which would be \$6,000 per month just to maintain the service, which was why they were now negotiating with Comcast.

*Decision
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with
Option B
Revised*

Mr. Mannino asked if Mr. Dargie were talking about borrowing from a future budget. Mr. Dargie answered in the negative, explaining how the additional savings this year could be committed, with the money over and beyond that being used to purchase things that normally would be purchased next year. Chairman Bragdon noted that was not part of the current motion. Mr. Dargie concurred, saying it would be discussed at the end of the year. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Bragdon asked Superintendent Suprenant to prepare something about possible uses for the other \$68,000.

Chairman Bragdon said he would skip to the Housekeeping items at this time and then come back to Old Business.

7. Housekeeping Items

- a. Approval of Minutes** Chairman Bragdon addressed the 02-01-10 meeting minutes. Mr. Dargie referenced Page 3, saying the amount of money donated for the We The People trip should have been listed as \$500 instead of \$750. Mr. Dargie then referenced the last page, 2nd paragraph, saying he believed the Board did take action on that matter. Chairman Bragdon concurred that the Board had done so, and Mr. Dargie clarified that the Board had authorized the chairman to sign a new contract, by a unanimous 5-0 vote. No other change requests being brought forward, Mr. Dargie moved to approve the minutes of the 02-01-10 meeting as correct; Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion. **Vote:** All members voted in favor except for Ms. Halstead, who abstained, as she had not been a member at the time of that meeting, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried (4–0–1).
- b. Approval of Manifests** Chairman Bragdon addressed the manifests awaiting approval, listed as including Vouchers Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, and 1154. Mr. Dargie moved that the Board approve the manifests as listed; Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion. Ms. Halstead noted she had not seen the manifests. Chairman Bragdon explained the usual practice of having the two members of the Finance Subcommittee review the manifests and then move and second to approve them at the meetings. **Vote:** All members voted in favor except for Ms. Halstead, who abstained, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried (4–0–1).
- 8. Public Comment** Chairman Bragdon asked if there were any closing comments from members of the audience. None being brought forward, he continued to the next agenda item.

Chairman Bragdon said he would now go back to the Old Business items.

8. Old Business

- a. Early Drop-off program.** Business Administrator Chambers referenced the survey results provided in the meeting packets, saying 84% of those who took the survey showed interest in the early drop-off program. She said the numbers broke out as expected between the two elementary schools, saying most people were interested in five times a week, for the early times, with interest in a breakfast option. She noted about half of the respondents already had private arrangements. She explained that the survey was conducted to see if the Board wanted to propose an early drop-off program, saying people would want to make other arrangements if they did not know by the start of the year. Ms. Halstead asked how it would be funded; Business Administrator Chambers discussed various options. Chairman Bragdon said the intent would be to provide the service if the Board were interested,

but the program could not move forward unless the Board wished it to. He asked if there were a motion to solicit bids for an early drop-off program. Mr. Dargie so moved; Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

Chairman Bragdon noted that all but 20 of the respondents already had some kind of care, saying it seemed as though the program would be doing a lot for a small number of people, and that he did not know if there were a pressing need. Ms. Halstead noted that this was different from the after-school program. Mr. Dargie asked if there had been such a program in the Milford School District in the past; Business Administrator Chambers and Superintendent Suprenant and Assistant Superintendent Johnson all said they were not aware of any. Mr. Dargie said it would not cost anything, so he saw no harm. Ms. Halstead said there would be cost for use of the building. Mr. Willette expressed concern about interference with the teachers' preparation of the day's instruction if young students were around. Superintendent Suprenant said the School District had a relatively late starting time, noting that some students grabbed a quick breakfast in the cafeteria and then went to class, and adding that he was not sure how ready they were for classes. He said he had had experience with a similar program in his earlier positions, saying the main intent was to make sure that the students got a good breakfast to start the day, without rushing from house to school, and he had seen this as providing an additional service to parents who had to leave early.

Chairman Bragdon asked how long it would take to set up the program. Business Administrator Chambers said she would have to have a decision by the end of April because of licensing issues. Ms. Halstead questioned the rush, since only 50 people had responded. Superintendent Suprenant said there was no rush. Chairman Bragdon said he was not sure he would support the idea, saying he was not convinced this was something that needed to be done. He then commented that people watching the broadcast of this meeting might respond to this discussion and come forward at the next meeting, providing further input.

Mr. Dargie questioned what the downside would be. Chairman Bragdon said it appeared that there were private people doing something of this nature. Chairman Bragdon asked about the fee amount. Superintendent Suprenant said it had not yet been discussed.

Ms. Susanne Schedin, a 4th-grade teacher at the Heron Pond school, expressed a belief that this would help a lot of people, saying the students would be in the cafeteria and would not be bothering teachers in the classrooms. Mr. Dargie said this would be better for the students, as there would be one spot, with the students not moving around, and it might be less costly to the parents. Chairman Bragdon said he would like to get more details as to what charges would apply for the space, as well as what

other people were providing services. Mr. Willette expressed concern that some parents would not change what they were doing now.

Decision to authorize the Superintendent to accept bids for an early drop-off program

Mr. Dargie said he would advocate for sending it out to bid and seeing what came in. Chairman Bragdon stated that, at the risk of having providers bid on something that the Board might then decide not to do, he would not object to sending it out to bid, but he wanted more information. Chairman Bragdon noted that the motion on the floor was to authorize the Superintendent to accept bids of an early drop-off program, adding that this would have to come back to the School Board for final decisions, saying there was no guarantee that the Board would award any contracts at all. Chairman Bragdon clarified that this proposal was for the next school year. **Vote:** Ms. Halstead, Mr. Dargie, Mr. Willette, and Mr. Bragdon voted in favor; Mr. Mannino voted in opposition. Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried (4-1).

High school Drainage

Chairman Bragdon said he had asked Administration to get more information about the drainage situation pertaining to the High School roof drain outfall. Business Administrator Chambers discussed a meeting that had been held with a representative from Meridian Land Services, Inc., noting that that firm's previous review, as referenced in its 10-29-08 letter (of which a copy was supplied in the meeting packet) had stated that a topographical study would be required for the option of constructing a swale and routing the runoff into the wetlands. She then distributed copies of a new plan, dated 03-10-10, stating that, after looking at it more closely and getting under the thicket growth to determine where the loop came out on the other side of the driveway, they had found it a couple weeks ago, and the engineer felt that more water could be captured by cutting the existing loop (the dotted line on the map) and instead running it through the wetlands buffer, diverting the water that way so that it would not flow down Johnson Street. She said she did not have final cost estimates, but the engineer had estimated it would cost about \$10,000, noting that no one wanted cape cod berm along the pavement and the engineer had suggested concrete for the future installation. She said she would get the plans drawn up if the Board authorized that. Chairman Bragdon said the recommendation was to cut off the roof drain and run it along the swale by the SAU, which would provide more relief to the area, with the swale project to be dealt with later. Mr. Dargie said he would like the School District to notify all the abutters who had been here before, to get their idea about this plan. Ms. Halstead asked about the adjoining property; Chairman Bragdon said the Board had wanted to purchase this but had not done so.

Decision to inform abutters of proposed plan

Mr. Dargie moved that the abutters be notified; Mr. Willette seconded the motion. Mr. Mannino stated that he would abstain, because he owned property nearby. **Vote:** Chairman Bragdon called for a vote on the motion. Mr. Dargie, Ms. Halstead, Mr. Willette, and Mr. Bragdon voted in favor; Mr. Mannino voted in opposition. Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried (4-0-1).

Portable Class-rooms Business Administrator Chambers referenced the timeline she had prepared for the meeting packets, saying she wanted to discuss a different option. She said Triumph had been notified on February 8th that the School District was so close to a permanent resolution that even if they received approvals, the District would not plan to install the portables. She said Triumph had proceeded to get their approvals, however, and was now looking to receive review from the State Fire Marshal's Office, after which they would go to local officials. She noted that they had committed some resources and expenses, noting that the permanent addition was approved on March 9th by the voters. She said she was looking for what the Board was interested in with respect to financing terms, including whether to go for a 5-year or 10-year bond, saying she would need to start applying for whichever was selected in the near future, and noting financial commitment of up to \$2,000 would be needed to get bond counsel to review the bonds. She noted that a review of the bid specifications would be done by April 9th, saying the District would need a licensed engineer to review them, and there would be a need to spend about \$100 for advertising. With respect to the State appropriation, she said, there was a bill passing through the state Legislature, but resolution would not be known until perhaps June. She noted that bond counsel would have to be notified by June 7th. If the School District could not participate in bonds, she continued, the District might borrow the funds from the bank—adding that the District might want to do this, anyway. She said she could shop around, depending on what the Board was interested in. She then stated that she wanted to know if the Board preferred a 5- or 10-year term for the bond or wanted her to see what the banks could offer for interest on a loan.

Chairman Bragdon said the easy one was to decide whether to go for 5 or 10 years. Chairman Bragdon said he felt the costs should be borne by the users, so he was not interested in a 5-year term. Mr. Dargie commented on the high interest rates shown; Ms. Chambers said these were the figures that bond counsel was using. Ms. Halstead expressed a preference for a 5-year bond, as the people who had voted it in were the ones here now. Mr. Willette spoke in favor of a 10-year term. Ms. Chambers said she would be happy to explore costs for ten years with the local banks if the Board wanted that. Mr. Dargie said he would favor the 5-year term. Chairman Bragdon said he felt there was no unanimity, so Ms. Chambers should investigate both 5- and 10-year terms. Ms. Chambers said she would follow the time line, as many of the dates were pretty firm. Mr. Dargie asked when the next bond sale, after the spring sale would occur; Ms. Chambers said it would be in December.

Mr. Dargie asked what Business Administrator Chambers' expectations of when the new addition could be used would be. Superintendent Suprenant said it would be early next winter. Mr. Dargie said the teachers would want to have time to prepare their rooms. Superintendent Suprenant said Principal John Foss had discussed with staff the idea of moving some small

things and then making the full move next summer—noting that there had been concern at the Deliberative Session and the Town Meeting about making sure that input was obtained from staff. He noted that staff wanted to continue with what they had and then move into the permanent building and not install the portables, but negotiations would have to be done with Triumph and the Department of Education, which had funds committed to the School District for the portables, adding that he expected the Department of Education would fund the buyout if it occurred. Mr. Dargie asked what would happen if extra 1st-Grade and/or Kindergarten classrooms were needed in September. Superintendent Suprenant said they would address that if it happened, changing the present classroom configuration as needed.

Superintendent Suprenant said he was inclined not to get the portables. Ms. Chambers said the issue was whether the state would pay for the permanent foundation. She said the School District was holding approximately \$140,000 for the portables, adding that her sense was that the money was very tight. Chairman Bragdon asked if anyone had a strong sense not to put the portables in, assuming that the money was there for the permanent addition. Seeing the responses of the Board members, he asked the Superintendent to try to get a better determination from the State as to what would be available. Mr. Willette expressed concern about paying \$40,000 to someone who had made mistakes. Ms. Chambers said a considerable amount of time and expense had been put forward to put the plans together. Chairman Bragdon said it could be argued that some things should have been done first, but there would be another expense in taking the matter to court. Chairman Bragdon reiterated that the sense of the Board was to have Administration try to get more information.

9. Non-Public Session

Superintendent Suprenant confirmed that there was a need to go into nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue. Chairman Bragdon moved to go into non-public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c), *Matters which, if discussed in public, likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person.* Mr. Dargie seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Ms. Halstead and Messrs. Bragdon, Dargie, Mannino, and Willette all voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0). Chairman Bragdon then declared the Board to be going into non-public session at 8:56 p.m., and all members of the Board moved to the SAU Conference room at that time.

The board discussed a personnel issue, taking no action.

The board discussed a sick bank request. Mr. Bragdon moved that the board award one sick day, if needed; Mr. Willette seconded the motion. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).

The Board discussed another sick bank request. Following discussion, Mr.

Dargie moved that the board award 35 sick days; Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, and Chairman Bragdon declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).

The board then discussed a number of student issues, taking no action.

No further nonpublic business remaining before the Board, Mr. Bragdon moved to exit from the nonpublic session; Mr. Dargie seconded the motion. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, with the Board returning to public session at 9:37 p.m.

10. Adjournment

All scheduled items having been addressed, Mr. Dargie moved to adjourn; Mr. Bragdon seconded the motion. **Vote:** All members voted in favor, with this meeting adjourning at 9:38 p.m.

Chairman of the School Board

Date of Signing