

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GREEN
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #103**

Thursday, November 15, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Library

The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT SYRING at 7:00 p.m. Present: RICK SYRING, GARREN ELMER, WENDY ARENDS, ERIC RICE and SUPERINTENDENT GRUBBS. Absent: SANDRA FERNEDING. Guests present: BRETT BLECHSCHMIDT, SUZETTE MILKJOWSKI, KIM ZUMSTEIN, LOUISE KIMBALL, JANE and TOM TERVO, CURTIS TIKKA and CAMERON TORMANEN.

A Motion to Adopt and Approve the Agenda was made by WENDY ARENDS with a Second by ERIC RICE. The Motion passed 4-0.

The Board then reviewed the MINUTES of the October 25, 2007 Regular Board meeting. A Motion to Approve the Minutes was made by WENDY ARENDS, Second by GARREN ELMER. The Motion passed 4-0.

Under Financial Reports/Ratification/Approval of VOUCHERS/PAYROLL: the Board considered the following Motion by GARREN ELMER, with a Second by WENDY ARENDS, and passage by 4-0:

“I move to pay accounts payable warrants number 17074-17100 in the amount of \$11,050.59; payroll warrants number 17101-17118 in the amount of \$29,499.92; electronically paid payroll taxes in the amount of \$12,234.65; payroll direct deposits in the amount of \$30,116.15; and capital projects warrants number 497-500 in the amount of \$1,155.40.

MICHAEL GRUBBS gave the Superintendent’s Report. He reviewed upcoming calendar activities, on-going maintenance activities and reported enrollment at 122 students. He also reported:

- Of the 122 enrolled, approximately 110 are solid with the remainder subject to housing and rental issues, out of work, out of district, etc.
- Nolan did deep cleaning in November and sanitizes all bathrooms daily
- The Halloween carnival was a success
- Thanksgiving dinner is planned as a great community event
- We honored our Vets with an assembly November 13
- We passed the kitchen inspection: 0 points off
- Wendy aerated the field
- We are donating 993 food articles to the Woodland pantry

KIM ZUMSTEIN and LOUISE KIMBALL then gave a curriculum report on K-1 Math. They emphasized the “hands-on” aspect of the curriculum and showed several models of instructional delivery.

The PTSA Report was given by WENDY ARENDS who discussed the grant application for an outdoor classroom and our hopes to have an outdoor classroom grant or not. One viable plan for a fundraiser for the classroom is to sell commemorative bricks with names inscribed thereon of former and current students and families.

BRETT BLECHSCHMIDT then gave a financial report that suggested our ending fund balance for fy 06-07 will be about \$65,000 up from \$18,000 the year previous. He also noted we are currently on projection for the 07-08 budget.

He then presented the Board with several rate charts for projected M & O levy needs. Brett noted that the district needs to increase its levy \$30K-\$40K each year just to meet the inflationary pressure of providing the status quo and maintaining an adequate cash reserve. The Board also discussed the propriety of going for a three or four year levy instead of a two year levy. It was agreed that the cost of running an election every two years as well as the work, would be lessened by going for a longer term. However, a longer term will necessitate an accurate assessment of financial needs three or four years out. SUPERINTENDENT GRUBBS stated that it would be good to build the cost of a new teacher into the mix, particularly if we are going for a four year levy as enrollment will increase and thus we can insure our low teacher-student staff ratio. A new teacher is estimated to cost an additional \$60K (salary and benefits).

Brett stated by the next Board meeting he would have the updated assessed valuation rates to assist the board in setting the levy. The Board will meet at its regular meeting, December 20, 2007 and also agreed to meet in a special session, at 7 p.m. on January 10th to pass the levy resolution with the most current financial data then available. The election resolution must be filed by January 18, 2008 for a March 11, 2008 election or filed by February 29, 2008, for an April 22, 2008 election.

Under ACTION ITEMS, the Board continued the homework policy adoption process by the following Motion by WENDY ARENDS with a Second by GARREN ELMER and a 4-0 passage:

“I move approval of the Second Reading (as amended) of Policy No. 2422 and Policy No. 2422P, the Green Mountain School District Homework Policy and Procedures.”

The Board then took COMMENTS from the general public. JANE TERVO said the best way to run the M & O is to “tell the public how much you need, what it will cost the tax payers, and what you will get for it.”

The Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. on a Motion to Adjourn by WENDY ARENDS with a Second by GARREN ELMER and a 4-0 PASSAGE.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael C. Grubbs
Clerk of the Board

Approved by: Rick Syring
President, Board of Trustees
12-20-2007