

**Stratham School Board Minutes**  
**May 28, 2008**

**Present:** Bruce Scamman, John Hazekamp, Gary Giarrusso, Wendy Poutre and Katherine McDonnell

**Administration:** Arthur Hanson, Tom Foshier and Meg Driscoll

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scamman at 7:03 AM

After the Pledge, there were no visitors or general correspondence. Tim Harrington, Food Service Director, appeared before the board and the food services programs at SMS and Swasey Memorial School in Brentwood (Mr. Harrington oversees the Swasey Food Services Program) were discussed in detail. Important points discussed were as follows:

- Overseeing Swasey's program is going very well. High increase in sales
- Food costs are raising substantially due to the dramatic increase in fuel costs
- Discussion as to whether Stratham should increase the prices of meals – currently \$1.75 – to be have further discussion at the June 11, 2008 school board meeting
- The idea of paying Mr. Harrington's benefits from the FS account was discussed (currently, the FS account provides money for some of the benefits) – to have further discussion at the June 11, 2008 school board meeting
- Mr. Giarrusso discussed the portion of the auditor's report that related to the FS Program; i.e., fixed assets, less of a fund balance, policies for collection of outstanding balances and for checking revenues against sales.
- The board and administration complimented Mr. Harrington on his excellent work.

It was decided to have breakfast with the staff in the fall rather than this spring. **On a motion by John Hazekamp and seconded by Gary Giarrusso the board voted unanimously to give flowers to the retiring staff members.** The price limit is \$50.00 per person. Ms. McDonnell will do the cards. (Ms. Poutre and Ms. McDonnell had to leave the meeting in order to chaperone a field trip to Boston)

All reports from the officers of the board will be deferred until the June 11, 2008 board meeting.

**On a motion by John Hazekamp and second by Gary Giarrusso the board voted unanimously to accept the superintendent's recommendation to hire new teachers Jessica Valenti and Amy Beauchesne. Also, on a motion by John Hazekamp, seconded by Gary Giarrusso and board voted 3 – 0 to allow the superintendent to hire during the summer months.** Katherine McDonnell, or her board designee, will be involved in all hirings.

The following staff will serve on the Common Concerns Committee for the 2008 – 2009 school year: Laurie Noyes-Hand, Tracey Christilles, Nancy Gilbert, (Judy Eitler as an alternate), Becky Ruel and Melissa Poirier.

Principal Fosher discussed the new school sign that the PTO will pay for. The board requested that they view the drawings of the sign prior to submittal. Also, they asked Mr. Fosher to check with the Stratham Building inspector as soon as possible for approval to place the sign in the area designated.

**On a motion by Gary Giarrusso, seconded by John Hazekamp and unanimously voted at 8:20 AM to adjourn the meeting.**

Minutes taken by,

Arthur L. Hanson  
Superintendent