

DURHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, September 13, 2007
Durham Elementary School – Library
7:00 P.M.

MISSION

Members of the Durham Community are committed to creating a safe, respectful climate in which broad-based educational and cultural opportunities provide rich, diverse experiences for all learners. Within this environment, learners will become knowledgeable about themselves and others; develop strong academic, creative, technological, recreational, and practical life skills, preparing them for many options as life-long learners, effective problem solvers and capable communicators. These experiences will provide a solid basis for future responsibilities as family members, workers and citizens. As the community strives to improve the educational environment, necessary resources will be provided to secure a safe, spacious, accessible facility for a wide variety of learning activities. To this end, the school will encourage practices, which are respectful, open, fair and relevant.

GOALS

- To provide the foundation, framework and support for efforts toward best practices in education.
- To provide the foundation for community support of budget needs and priorities prior to Town Meeting.
- To aggressively review, update, develop and adopt policies necessary for the effective and efficient functioning of our school system.
- To develop long range plans for the Durham School Department to ensure effective programs and to prevent potential problems from occurring.

NORMS

- Primary focus is on the students and their education
- Solve the problem at the level closest to the problem ... go to the source
- Treat each other with respect; attacking issues, not people
- Work together to solve issues, listening with an open mind
- State the issue, surface the agenda, be honest
- Keep feedback appropriate to time and place
- Focus on the task at hand
- Work collaboratively, participating at your own comfort level
- Work to understand the issues and others' positions; ask clarifying questions to make informed decisions

1. The meeting was called to order at ___ p.m. by Chairperson Amber Snell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: ___Amber Snell ___Linda Pfaffinger
 ___George Szadis ___Laurie Poissonnier
 ___James Beaulieu

- 4. Consideration of Action on the Minutes of June 14, 2007, July 31, 2007 and August 14, 2007.
 - A. Recommend the Minutes of June 14, 2007, July 31, 2007 and August 14, 2007 be accepted as presented barring any errors or omissions.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 5. Adjustments to the Agenda:

- 6. Good News & Recognition:

- 7. Reports from Administrators:

- A. William Pidden – Summer Update
- B. Susan Matthews – Summer Update

- 8. Report from Superintendent:

- A. Communication from Maine School Boards Association Re: Local Delegate to MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly.
- B. Construction Update
- C. Consolidation Update

- 9. Public Comments (related to matters under consideration by the Committee):

- 10. Unfinished Business:

- A. Consideration of action to approve the completion of the Superintendent’s Goals for 2006-2007.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 11. New Business:

- A. Consideration of action to approve the Durham School Committee Goals with Indicators for 2007-2008.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to delegate a School Committee member to serve on the Maine School Boards Association Delegate Assembly.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to nominate Deborah Danuski for the Region 6 position on the MSBA Board of Directors.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

12. Financial Reports:

- A. Durham Elementary School – Months Ending June 30, 2007
- B. Durham School Department – As of September 07, 2007

13. Communications (Consent Agenda):

- A. 2006-2007 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Policy Year 2007-2008
- B. Student Handbooks
- C. Revised Durham/Union #30 Meeting Schedule
- D. Revised Committee Membership
- E. MSMA Annual Fall Conference

14. Committee Comments:

15. Personnel:

A. New Hires -

- 1) Consideration of Action to approve an Educational Technician II position for Brunswick High School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 2) Consideration of Action to approve an Educational Technician II position for Durham Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 3) Consideration of Action to approve an Accounts Payable position for the Central Office effective September 14, 2007.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

D. Resignations:

Policy Review:

16. Workshop:

17. New Business:

A. Consideration of action to approve the fuel bid from Downeast Energy for the Durham School Department for the period of September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

18. Executive Session:

A. Consideration of action to enter into Executive Session for DTA Grievance pursuant to Freedom of Access Statute, Title I, Section 405.6D.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

Time In: _____ Time Out: _____

19. General Session:

20. Adjournment:

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____ Time: _____