

Approved by the Rye School Board at its July 12, 2007 meeting.

**RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

A special meeting of the School Board of the Rye School District was held at the Rye Junior High School on June 28, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

School Board Members: Ian Grant, Michael Schwartz, Betty Anderson
and Peggy Balboni. Absent: Gary Dodds

Administrators: Dr. George A. Cushing, Superintendent
Jan Yost, Principal of Rye Junior High
Chris Pollet, Future Principal of Rye Junior High
Lane Richardson, Principal of Rye Elementary

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Ms. Anderson proposed, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, a motion to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter at 4:04 p.m. Vote: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC SESSION:

The Board re-entered public session at 5:18 p.m.

Mr. Grant proposed, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, a motion to reconsider the vote of June 20, 2007 increasing the RJH art position from .6 to .8. Mr. Grant stated that, while he strongly supports the arts in the Rye schools, the principals need to look at sharing resources across the schools which they had not done when the recommendation was made on June 20th, in accordance with the previous process that the Board and Administration agreed to do for the past 18+ months, and make an updated recommendation at the July 12, 2007 Board meeting. Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Anderson agreed. Dr. Cushing restated that the recommendation is a good one and asked why the Board disagreed. Mr. Grant stated that, before determining if it is the best recommendation, the administrators needed to evaluate whether or not resources could be shared across the schools rather than increase this position. He expressed that he thought it was important to look at the whole continuum of options and stated that, in the end, the decision may remain the same, but it was important to make sure we were thorough. Ms. Balboni stated that this option is the best way to improve the art program at RJH and eliminate study halls. Vote: In favor of the motion to reconsider: Mr. Grant, Mr. Schwartz, and Ms. Anderson. Opposed: Ms. Balboni.

Mr. Schwartz proposed, seconded by Ms. Anderson, a motion to adjourn at 5:27 p.m. Vote: Unanimously approved.

School Board Secretary