

Albany School Board

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2009

Present: Board members James Sabina, Laurie Ferris and Colleen Cormack. Also in attendance was Carl Nelson. Public: 1

- (1) James Sabina called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

- (2) **Approval of Minutes (6-09-09) – James Sabina made a motion to approve the minutes. Colleen Cormack seconded the motion** Laurie asked that the language in the minutes be toned down (eliminate the adjectives). **The minutes were approved as amended 3-0-0.**

- (3) **Board Member Comments -** There was a discussion about minutes being on the web-site. Colleen will e-mail them to Kathy. Unapproved minutes will be labeled as DRAFT.
Colleen asked Carl if he researched the locks at Conway Elementary. He stated he was at CES today and they are the lever handles with a key lock on the outside. Colleen asked if they be locked from the inside without a key. Colleen expressed concern that in an event a lock down was necessary not all responsible adults could lock the doors quickly, even those with key. Her experience during an actual lock down at PTS left her unable to lock the room she was in and that the current emergency plans, which she has reviewed, do not consider this issue. Even adults with keys may not be able to access them quickly. She says all adults left in charge of children should be able to lock down and do so quickly. She stated there are many times when an aide is either in the classroom or a smaller room instructing a small group. She stated she has been asking if all adults can lock interior rooms used for student instruction since the warrant article for new door handles at CES over a year ago and still has not gotten an answer to the question. Carl said he would ask the question in a memo format.

- (4) **Signing of Checks and Manifest – None**

- (5) **Business Affairs –** Carl said the \$1,400 monthly charge from North Country Independent Living was a facilities charge, for the use of their facility in Redstone. Laurie questioned exactly what the money was for (i.e. use of the pool, mileage etc). Carl stated that it didn't matter since we would still have to pay it anyway. Laurie said \$1,400 is a lot of money to pay on top of the cost of therapeutic services and wondered if it was appropriate for her to call and ask. Colleen stated she felt it was absolutely appropriate to ask the questions, we are paying the bill. She asked Carl how many students were using the facility and for how many hours. Laurie stated it was one student. James asked Carl to let us know what the facility charge entails and how often the facility is being used. Carl said he would send the answers to the questions via e-mail rather than waiting for the next meeting.

- (6) **Other Business –** School starts September 3rd. The next Albany Board meeting will be October 13th at 5:15pm

- (7) **James Sabina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. The motion was seconded by Colleen Cormack. The motion passed 3-0-0.**