

Dorset Board of School Directors
Monday, June 20, 2011
The Dorset School, Dorset, Vermont

In Attendance: Jennifer Allen, David Chandler – Board Chair, Dan French – BRSU Superintendent, Vickie Haskins, Jim Salsgiver
Absent: Bob Allen, Jim Merryman - TDS Principal
Audience: None

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairperson David Chandler.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2011 Board meeting, as well as two special meetings held on May 17 and 18, 2011 was made by Vickie Haskins. Motion seconded by Jim Salsgiver. There were two suggested corrections to the minutes. All were in favor of approving the minutes as amended, motion carried.

3. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

a) Approve BBA Contract – Superintendent French presented the annual Burr and Burton Academy Secondary Education Contract to the Board, which requires the Chairperson's signature, and recommended the Board approve said contract.

The Board discussed the timing of the three payment due dates, which are as follows:

20% by August 15, 2011

40% by October 15, 2011

40% by March 15, 2012

Mr. Salsgiver asked if these due dates pose an issue with regards to the available cash flow from State and Federal funds and Town of Dorset taxes, which are collected in March and September. Mr. Salsgiver will speak with Town Manager, Rob Gaiotti, about this. Mr. Salsgiver also asked for clarification of the wording of item 5 of the contract, which states "The School District shall pay on a per diem basis for the actual enrollment of a student who is not a legal resident of the District, but who is placed by the state at Burr and Burton Academy." Mr. French explained that for legal purposes, said student is a resident of the community, as in the case of a legal ward such as a foster child.

A motion to approve the Burr and Burton Academy Secondary Education Contract was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Vickie Haskins. All were in favor, motion carried.

b) Superintendent Evaluation Process – Superintendent French presented a BRSU Superintendent Evaluation Instrument form to the Board and asked that the completed forms be returned by June 30, 2011.

c) ENDS Policies – Superintendent French asked the Board to think about how it will engage the Dorset public and various constituencies. They may choose to hold events in the gym or library, and it would be beneficial to have the new principal lead the staff engagement prior to the public sessions. Mr. French recommended that the Board create a draft of ideas from the staff and Board by October, 'shop it around' to the different constituencies and then choose a facilitator based on the plan.

The Board previously identified the following key constituencies: the Dorset Board of School Directors, TDS faculty & staff, parents, non-parent community members, and

business owners. To that list it has added: the Dorset Select Board, Dorset Historical Society, Dorset Village Library and local churches.

Mr. Chandler proposed: a straightforward introduction of the concept of ENDS policies; brainstorming sessions; walk through the process to show what the staff and board has come up with; ask the public how much involvement they would like to have going forward, if any. Ms. Allen suggested the Board show examples to clearly show the differences between ends and means. The Board discussed doing this workshop on September 27, 2011, which is the regular meeting night, which would be a great way to kick off the year with Ms. Moran.

d) FMLA Leave (Executive Session requested-- postponed until the end of the meeting)

4. Report of the Principal

Principal Merryman, who was not in attendance, provided a write up of his report including the following:

Spring Concert - I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their wonderful presentation and gift to me for my retirement. I have a perfect spot for the 11 year old sugar maple tree to be planted. I will miss The Dorset School and all of the folks I have established relationships. Of course, I will greatly miss Tuesday evening Board meetings!

Graduation - Eighth Grade Graduation went very smoothly. David did a nice job and presented a meaningful speech.

Assistant Media Director - We have hired Chelsea Leggett as our new Assistant Media Director. She is a graduate of The Dorset School and is a licensed teacher.

Dishwasher - We have heard from the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Water Management Division. The installation of a dishwasher would require a permit amendment addressing items in our water supply as well as septic systems. A practicing engineer would have to modify the systems to meet the State requirements for both aspects of our present operations.

Mr. Salsgiver suggested that perhaps Ken Palmer, a former Board member, might have some ideas on how to remedy the dishwasher issues. Mr. French said the BRSU office would take this project on at this point.

Field Days - A big thank you to Jim Salgiver for participating in Field Day as all of the events went extremely smoothly.

First Grade Teacher Search - I have submitted a letter recommending the hiring of a first grade candidate. (Dan has probably already presented this to you.)

New Principal - I have met with Rosanna once so far for about four hours. I think she will do a fine job. I will be meeting with her a few more times before the beginning of next school year.

Spanish I - Nine out of twelve students have received credit for BBA's Spanish I course.

Algebra - Five out of six students qualified for Honors Geometry as a result of their scores on the Algebra I final from BBA.

Maintenance - Derek and I have gone over the summer list, and I am confident the school will be in tip top shape for the beginning of the school year.

Mr. French said that Mr. Merryman has done a fine job of getting things done and wrapped up before leaving and he thanked him for that.

5. Employment: Appointments/Resignations

a) Hire Recommendation for Athletic Director - Superintendent French recommended hiring Elizabeth Morgan be hired as the 20% FTE Athletic Director for the 2011-12 school year. Mr. French explained that Ms. Morgan is an 80% FTE P.E. teacher and the 20% Athletic Director is basically an administrative position. The two positions don't necessarily need to be filled by the same person.

A motion to approve the hire of Elizabeth Morgan for the 20% FTE Athletic Director position was made by Jennifer Allen. Motion seconded by Vickie Haskins. All were in favor, motion carried.

b) Hire Recommendation for 1st Grade Teacher – Mr. Merryman recommended Kristen Morey be hired for the first grade teacher position for the 2011-12 school year.

A motion to approve the hire of Kristen Morey for the first grade teacher position was made by Jim Salsgiver. Motion seconded by Jennifer Allen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. French explained that since there are only 19 Kindergarten students enrolled for the 2011-12 school year, he is still not recommending that a second teacher be hired.

6. Directors' Orders and Financial Statements

Reviewed and signed by Board members and returned to Superintendent French.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Other Business

TDS's new principal, Ms. Moran is planning to be on the job by July 5th. She and Mr. Merryman have met once already and plan to meet again before she officially begins working.

Ms. Allen mentioned that Mr. Merryman was planning to order a salad bar for the lunch program before leaving and she will follow up to ensure this has been taken care of. She continued by saying that VT FEED has a program to teach students 'how to make a salad', which the Farm to School Program may present next school year.

Mr. Salsgiver has been working with the playground committee to coordinate meetings, and is hoping to pass the torch at the first group meeting, which is scheduled for early July. Thus far, the group consists of Dan French, Rosanna Moran, Rob Gaiotti, Jen Allen, Julie Citron and Kandace Beavin. Ms. Allen asked Superintendent French if the playground equipment and school grounds can be used by the public when school is not in session. Mr. French replied that it can be used, provided there is appropriate signage indicating that play is at own risk.

Mr. Salsgiver gave an update on the parking lot lighting, which was discussed at the last meeting. Efficiency VT will be replacing 26 bulbs at no cost to the school. A contractor will be installing exterior lighting, with many discounts applied through Efficiency VT, so the updates will cost much less than previously thought. Mr. Salsgiver thanked Jim Hand for his assistance with the project.

The Board discussed the possibility of Flood Brook Union School being reassigned from Windsor Southwest SU to the BRSU and the potential impact on the BRSU's resources.

Mr. French said that if FBUS were to join the SU, it would spread costs more broadly, thus lowering costs to each school.

Executive Session

At 7:15PM, a motion to call the meeting into Executive Session was made by Vickie Haskins. Motion seconded by Jim Salsgiver. All were in favor, motion carried.

The following item was discussed:

3. d) FMLA Leave

Chairperson David Chandler reconvened the Board in open session at 8:20PM.

No action was taken.

9. Adjournment

Chairperson David Chandler adjourned the meeting at 8:21PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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TO: Dorset School Board

FROM: Daniel M. French, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Recommendation to not Approve the Brooks School for Secondary Tuition Support

DATE: August 16, 2011

CC: R. Webber Hudson
File

I received a tuition request for William Wright Hudson to attend the Brooks School in North Andover, MA for the 2011-2012 school year.

Based on a review of the school's website, I would characterize the school as being a pervasively sectarian school and therefore not eligible for public tuition support.

I recommend the Board not approve the Brooks School for tuition support since it is a pervasively sectarian school.

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TO: Dorset School Board

FROM: Daniel M. French, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve school for receipt of tuition payments

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2011

Kimball Union Academy – Meriden, NH

I've reviewed the materials available regarding the school's program. This is an accredited, non-sectarian school and I recommend the board approve this school for receipt of public tuition payments.

MEMO

TO: Danby School Board
Dorset School Board
Manchester School Board
Mt. Tabor School Board
Sunderland School Board

FROM: Daniel M. French, ^{DMF} Superintendent

SUBJECT: Review of Approved Schools for Tuition Support

DATE: 8/8/11

ENC: List of BRSU Approved Secondary Schools

CC: File

It has been the practice of our boards to maintain a collective list of approved schools for tuition support. This means if a parent in one community requested tuition support to a school and the school was ultimately approved by one of our boards, the other boards would accept that school as being approved as well.

The Dorset School Board requested I review this list to see if all of the schools on our list still qualified for tuition support in accordance with state regulations. The regulations require that any such school have an approved or accredited curriculum and not be sectarian from a religious perspective. I found the review of curriculum to be straight forward but determining the degree of sectarianism to be more difficult. My review consisted mainly of browsing the websites of the schools.

All of the schools on our list have curriculum programs that meet state regulations. To establish a school's sectarian disposition, I reviewed each school's mission and history, its curriculum, and its student activities. I deemed schools that were affiliated with a specific religious sect, had curriculum requirements in specific religious studies, and/or required students to participate in religious activities to be pervasively sectarian.

Based on this criteria, I identified several schools on our approved list that I would deem to be pervasively sectarian.

Blair Academy	Blairstown, NJ
Holderness School	Holderness, NH
Salisbury School	Salisbury, CT
St. Andrew's School	Middletown, DE
St. George School	Middletown, RI
St. James School	St. James, MD
St. Mark's School	Southborough, MA
St. Paul's School	Concord, NH
The Hill School	Pottstown, PA
The Lawrenceville School	Lawrenceville, NJ
Trinity-Pawling School	Pawling, NY
Westminster School	Simsbury, CT

We currently have students enrolled in four of these schools: Holderness School, Salisbury School, St. Andrews School, and Westminster School. I recommend disapproving the other schools on the above list immediately, limiting tuition support to the Holderness School, Salisbury School, St. Andrews School, and Westminster School to students currently enrolled in those schools, and then disapproving these schools after the students graduate.

SchoolName	Enroll?	City	State	Sectarian
Academy at the Adventure Quest	no	Woodstock	VT	no
Albany Academy	no	Albany	NY	no
Berkshire School	yes	Sheffield	MA	no
Blair Academy	no	Blairstown	NJ	yes
Brewster Academy	no	Wolfeboro	NH	no
Burke Mountain Academy	no	East Burke	VT	no
Buxton School	no	Williamstown	MA	no
Cardigan Mountain School	no	Canaan	NH	no
Carrabassett Valley Academy	no	Carrabassett Valley	ME	no
Cedar Ridge Academy	no	Roosevelt	UT	no
Choate Rosemary Hall	no	Wallingford	CT	no
Cross Creek Academy	no	LA Verkin	UT	no
Cushing Academy	no	Ashburnham	MA	no
Deerfield Academy	no	Deerfield	MA	no
Eaglebrook School	no	Deerfield	MA	no
Emma Willard School	yes	Troy	NY	no
Fessenden School	yes	West Newton	MA	no
Fishburne Military School	no	Waynesboro	VA	no
Garrison Forest School	no	Owings Mills	MD	no
Gould Academy	yes	Bethel	ME	no
Green Mountain Valley School	no	Waitsfield	VT	no
Greenwood School	no	Putney	VT	no
Hebron Academy	no	Hebron	ME	no
High Mowing School	no	Wilton	NH	no
Holderness School	yes	Plymouth	NH	yes
Hotchkiss School	no	Lakeville	CT	no
Kent School	yes	Kent	CT	no
Kimball Union Academy	no	Meridan	NH	no
King George School	no	Sutton	VT	no
Lawrence Academy	no	Groton	MA	no
Linden Hall	no	Lititz	PA	no
Loomis Chaffee School	yes	Windsor	CT	no
Lowell Whiteman School	no	Steamboat Springs	CO	no
Middlesex School	no	Concord	MA	no
Millbrook School	no	Millbrook	NY	no
Milton Academy	no	Milton	MA	no
Miss Hall's Schools	no	Pittsfield	MA	no
Miss Porter's School	no	Farmington	CT	no
Northfield Mt Hermon	yes	Northfield	MA	no
Phillips Exeter	yes	Exeter	NH	no
Pine Cobble School	no	Williamstown	MA	no
Pine Ridge School	no	Williston	VT	no
Pomfret School	no	Pomfret	CT	no
Rumson-Fair Haven HS	no	Rumson	NJ	no
Salisbury School	yes	Salisbury	CT	yes
Sarasota Community School	no	Sarasota	FL	no
St. Andrew's School	yes	Middletown	DE	yes
St. George	no	Middletown	RI	yes
St. James	no	St. James	MD	yes
St. Marks	no	Southborough	MA	yes

St. Pauls	no	Concord	NH	yes
Stone Mountain School	no	Black Mountain	NC	no
Stratton Mountain School	yes	Stratton Mountain	VT	no
Suffield Academy	yes	Suffield	CT	no
The Bement School	no	Deerfield	MA	no
The Cambridge School of Weston	no	Weston	MA	no
The Compass School	yes	Westminster	VT	no
The Deck House School	no	Edgecomb	ME	no
The Desisto School	no	Stockbridge	MA	no
The Forman School	no	Litchfield	CT	no
The Gunnery	yes	Washington	CT	no
The Hill School	no	Pottstown	PA	yes
The Lawrenceville School	no	Lawrenceville	NJ	yes
The MacDuffie School	no	Springfield	MA	no
The Putney School	no	Putney	VT	no
The Taft School	no	Watertown	CT	no
The Tilton School	no	Tilton	NH	no
Trinity-Pawling School	no	Pawling	NY	yes
Troy Academy at Green Mtn College	no	Poultney	VT	no
U.N. International School	no	NY	NY	no
Vermont Academy	yes	Saxton's River	VT	no
Waldorf of Saratoga	yes	Saratoga Springs	NY	no
Walnut Hill School	no	Natick	MA	no
Westminster School	yes	Simsbury	CT	yes
Westover School	yes	Middlebury	CT	no
Wilbraham & Monson Academy	no	Wilbraham	MA	no
Williston Northampton	no	Easthampton	MA	no

TO: DORSET SCHOOL BOARD
FROM: Daniel M. French
SUBJECT: 2011-2012 Secondary Tuition

Meeting Date: 08/23/11

Below is a list of tuition requests received. I recommend you approve these requests.

Last Name	First Name	School	Grade	Prnt/Guardian	Physical Address
Allen	Connor	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Allen Robert	292 Eagle Ridge
Antonez	Jessica	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Antonez John	1474 VT Route 7A
Baker-Miller	Amanda	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Baker-Miller Amanda	4232 Route 30
Beavin	Torey	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Beavin Brian	118 Kelly Rd.
Benasich	Emma	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Benasich Emma	260 Owls Head Hill Lane
Berard	Clara	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Berard David	3370 Morse Hill Rd.
Berger	Anna	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Dydo Noel	50 VT Route 30
Berkout	Carling	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Berkout Carl	West Rd.
Biggs	Trevor	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Biggs Susan	250 Brookside Dr.
Biggs	Tristan	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Biggs Susan	250 Brookside Dr.
Billier	Victoria	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Billier Nancy	117 Dusty Hollow Ln
Bowen	Hunter	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Bowen Michael	194 Pleasant St.
Bowen	Justin	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Bowen Michael	194 Pleasant St.
Breed	Eliza	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Breed William	1884 Danby Mtn .Rd.
Burgess	David	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Burgess Bob	100 Mad Tom Rd.
Butler	Travis	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Butler John	475 Kirby Hollow Rd
Caler	Nicholas	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Caler Lisa	350 Route 30
Campanella	Julie	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Dunigan Drew	324 Paul's Way
Chandler	Margaret	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Chandler David	181 Cheney Rd.
Cornell	Cruz	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Csurney Denise	370 Benedict Rd.
Cornell	Raef	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Csurney Denise	370 Benedict Rd.
Donovan	Daniel	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Donovan Denise	297 Mad Tom Rd.
Donovan	James	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Donovan James	297 Mad Tom Rd.
Dressler	Ian	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Dresler Ian	402 Benedict Rd.
Durham	Dylan	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Durham Kathleen	61 Culver Ln., Apt. C
Ferrone	Ryder	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Ferrone William	118 Peace St.
Garay	Manuel	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Garay Manuel	386 Benedict Rd.
Gardner	Gregory	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Gardner Pauline	573 Scallop Dr.
Guglietta	Sophia	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Ferrante Lauren	1377 Route 30
Hancock	Patrick	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Hancock William	1354 Danby Mountain Road
Harrington	Conor	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Harrington Kevin	41 Pleasant St.
Hazelton	Danielle	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Hazelton Allen	2568 VT Route 30
Herbert	Andrew	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Herbert Robert	38 Danby Mtn Rd.
Herbert	Quinn	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Herbert Robert	38 Danby Mtn Rd.
Hopkins	Jared	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Hopkins Robert	401 Pinnacle Ln.
Iglinski	Luke	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Iglinski Mike	325 Paul's Way
Iglinski	Simeon	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Iglinski Mike	325 Paul's Way
Iglinski	Timothy	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Iglinski Mike	325 Paul's Way
Jackson	Dakota	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Jackson Melissa	983 VT Route 30
Johnson	Nolan	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Dydo Noel	50 VT Route 30
Karhu	Jonathan	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Karhu John	211 Dusty Hollow Rd.
Kelley	Michelle	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Kelley William	1333B RT 30, Gracie Ln
Kerstel	Claire	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Kerstel Ben	2218 Route 30
Kilmartin	Hannah	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Kilmartin Sally	2568 VT Route 30
King	Allie	Burr & Burton Academy	12	King Gordon	66 Doris Dr.
King	Tyler	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Comar Michelle	1161 Route 30
Lake	Areil	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Lake Toby	3279 VT Route 7
Levitz	Emma	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Levitz Norman	50 Romance Ln.
Loughlin	Lara	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Loughlin Melissa	687 Nichols Hill Rd.

MacFarlane	Dylan	Burr & Burton Academy	11	MacFarlane	Peter	149 Goodwood Ln.
Marmer	Abigail	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Marmer	Gary	238 Windward South
McBride	Logan	Burr & Burton Academy	10	McBride	Eric	169 Eagle Ridge
Murdock	Liam	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Murdock	Jeff	1288 VT Route 30
Nassivera	Luke	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Nassivera	John	175 Church St.
O'Leary	J. Max	Burr & Burton Academy	12	O'Leary	John	711 Danby Mt. Road
Palmer	Charlotte	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Palmer	Ken	331 Benedict Road
Parente	Nicholas	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Parente	Colleen	994 Dorset West Rd.
Ross	Kertus	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Ross	Maureen	35 S Benedict Road
Salsgiver	Amelia	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Salsgiver	James	243 Nichols Hill Road
Salsgiver	Katherine	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Salsgiver	James	243 Nichols Hill Road
Sambrook	Genevieve	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Sambrook	Andrew	4 Mount Aeolus
Schwartz	Bernie	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Schwartz	Robert	241 Mad Tom Rd.
Shehadi	David	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Shehadi	David	274 Paul's Way
Shehadi	Joseph	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Shehadi	David	274 Paul's Way
Stannard	Jonathan	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Stannard	Janet	3389 Morse Hill Rd.
Straley	Devin	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Straley	Lori	509 Mad Tom Rd.
Straley	Scott	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Straley	Lori	509 Mad Tom Rd.
Tate	Megan	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Tate	Bill	414 Scallop Dr.
Tate	Will	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Tate	Bill	414 Scallop Dr.
Teason	Lindsay	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Teason	Dawn	56 Timberbrook
Thorn	Hannah	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Thorn	Bo	599 Dorset West Rd.
Thurrott	Julien	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Thurrott	Girard	937 VT Route 30
Trugler	Roy	Burr & Burton Academy	9	Trugler	Oscar	798 Nichols Hill Rd.
Tucker	Annie	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Tucker	Joseph	226 Dusty Hollow Lane
Tuttle	Kyle	Burr & Burton Academy	11	Tuttle	Denise	509 Peace St.
Wilson	Sara	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Wilson	Scott	37 Old Orchard Ln.
Woody	Falicia	Burr & Burton Academy	12	Woody	Terry	1847 Dorset West Rd.
Zaccheo	Jonathan	Burr & Burton Academy	10	Zaccheo	Deb	50 Ledge Ln.
Bronson	Louis	Long Trail School	9	Bronson	Henry	85 Benedict Rd. S.
Suitor	Elizabeth	Long Trail School	12	Suitor	John	170 Owls Head Hill Ln
Reilly	Carly	Deerfield Academy	12	Reilly	Neil	222 Cheney Rd.
Eisemann	Rachel	Emma Willard School	10	Eisemann	Allen	969 Dorset West Rd.
Leech	Mary	Kimball Union Academy	10	Leech	Jay	317 Owls Head Hill Lane
Marmer	Danielle	Loomis Chaffee School	11	Marmer	Gary	238 Windward South
Himmelman	Samuel	Tilton School	11	Himmelman	Ken	15 Spruce Ln.
McMorrow	Veronica	Westover School	9	McMorrow	Patrick	848 Mad Tom Rd
Misasi	Samantha	Westover School	9	Misasi	Steven	1148 VT Route 30

The Dorset School
Principal's Report
Rosanna Moran
August 2011

Enrollment as of 8/15—163

I have met several times with the Dorset Recreational Project Committee. We will have an informational booth at the Ice Cream Social on August 20th. At this point, the plan is to have the project include some renovation of existing equipment, some new equipment and a Walking Trail, which would have a fitness component and low ropes course. This would be used by the PE classes and the entire project would be open to the community after school hours. We are in the process of trying to determine which equipment to purchase and in what order, to build a budget. If we can get a more reasonable price by buying in the winter, A Safe Place in East Dorset will donate a garage sized storage facility for our use. We have tried to incorporate the needs of the several different groups in the design of the recreational area. As part of this process, we have gotten nets donated from The Dorset Country Club to assist in keeping balls (and children) on the field rather than in the woods.

I have met with the Farm to School committee as well. We have discussed how the two could work together. At this point the collaboration is conceptual, but the idea is that they will help with designing the landscaping around the playground to fit with their 'edible landscape' ideas, and we will be sure to design spaces around their needs. In addition, we will keep in communication so that if we have a backhoe here for the installation of playground equipment or leveling a space, we can see what their needs for the same equipment might be.

Christine Ferris-Hubbard is working on a project which will turn snowglobe drawings into note cards. The intent is to sell them as a fund raiser, and to have the proceeds benefit that specific cohort of students as they go through The Dorset School. The snowglobe artwork was displayed at the Dorset Historical Society and got a great deal of positive feedback.

At this point, I believe we are staffed in terms of teachers for the coming year, and will need to hire at least one special education paraprofessional.

On Sunday morning August 7th (2 am ish) the school was broken into. An individual pried open the door of Russ Launderville's room, exited into the hall and left the building through the outside door off the small front deck. (Information from sensors that were tripped.) Derek was notified immediately by the alarm company; he called Kevin, and the police. The police were here within five minutes and found no one. As far as we know at this point, nothing was taken or damaged. Russ has taken a close look at his classroom just to be sure and saw nothing untoward.

We will begin the year with our Pot Luck picnic at 5:30 pm on Monday, August 29th. We would certainly like to invite the Board members to join us!