

APPROVED

ASD Board Meeting October 9, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jack Donovan, Thomas Frischknecht, Kent Glossop, Idina Holden, Patty Humphrey, Brandon Jackson and Kimberly Lavalley

Board Members Absent: Matt Collins, Karen Graham, Jim Hochberg and Michael White.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Public Comments

Amy Bewley is the parent of two students at ASD. She was under the impression that Mrs. Angela Overman was leaving to pursue another position and then heard that she was wrong. Mrs. Overman is the first person that Ms. Bewley goes to when she has a question and is always very responsive. Ms. Bewley said that Ms. Overman leaving would be a huge loss to the school.

Angela Overman read a letter to the Board stating her wish to participate in any closed sessions in which she is being discussed.

Kim Gaumont is the parent of two students at ASD. She said that Ms. Overman has been a great liaison between the students, the parents and the faculty. Ms. Overman leaving would be a great loss to the community.

Mary Hayes heard a rumor that Mrs. Overman quit and was shocked. This appeared to be confirmed the next day in an email from Mr. David Chauvette. Then, Ms. Hayes learned that Mrs. Overman did not actually quit. Ms. Hayes asked the Board to shed some light. Mrs. Overman has helped make the school what it is today.

Linda Marquis said she is at the meeting because she has heard a lot of rumors and wants to know the facts. She said that the fact that the Board hasn't stepped in and made things clearer to the community is not a great thing. She asked the Board to consider the facts and not just emotions or personal preferences.

Anthony Mayer said that the Overmans are advocates for the kids. He added that this is the second time where my kids had someone at the school that they loved and knew they could go to. The Overmans' motivation is these kids and he would hate to see anything happen to them.

Mr. Sukkar echoed what everyone else said. His family went through the registration process last year. His son and wife love Mrs. Overman. She was there to answer any question. Her departure is a loss to the school.

Kathleen Ortega is a new parent of a 7th grader and also works at a public school. She was surprised that a major change took place at the beginning of the year and nothing was said. Mrs. Overman has been a huge help to Ms. Ortega's family, helping them to access school information. Ms. Ortega questioned accountability to the community the school is serving.

Mr. Frischknecht responded to the comments: He explained that there is information that cannot be made public. He said the Board is trying to be

transparent to the community as much as possible and cited dual credit as an example.

Questions and answers followed, clarifying how staff employment works at ASD, and that the Board is accountable for hiring and firing. Mr. Frischknecht said “there has been no termination.” Mrs. Overman said, “The Board has never told me they don’t want me.”

At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Holden moved that the Board go into closed session, referencing RSA 91-A:3 section II(a) as the reason. Ms. Lavalley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Glossop, Ms. Humphrey, Ms. Holden, Ms. Lavalley, Mr. Donovan and Mr. Jackson voted in favor. There were no votes opposed.

Ms. Holden informed Ms. Overman that she would not be discussed in the closed session and could leave.

*** Closed Session ***

Mr. Donovan moved to keep the minutes of the closed session confidential permanently.

Ms. Lavalley seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Holden moved that the Board come out of closed session. Mrs. Lavalley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

*** End of Closed Session ***

The Board meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Idina Holden
Secretary