The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Proposal for Cosmetology at the Concord Regional Technology Center.

The first issue before the committee was the proposal by Steve Rothenberg for a new program in 09-10 at the Concord Regional Technical Center. The program is Cosmetology, a standard two-year program (11th and 12th grades).

Superintendent Rath and Mr. Rothenberg reviewed the current programs at the CRTC and explained the process that was used to decide that Cosmetology is a viable program. Based on interviews with the sending schools, Mr. Rothenberg anticipates very good enrollment. Mr. Rothenberg reviewed the course competencies and explained how students who complete this program will take a state exam administered by the NH Board of Cosmetology. Given successful completion of the exam, students will see a reduction in some of the entry requirements into private schools that prepare students for a career in cosmetology.

In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Rothenberg explained that students will pursue local internships.

A motion was made by Mr. Honigberg to have the instructional committee recommend approval of the cosmetology program at CRTC for the 09-10 school year subject to financing approval in the 09-10 budget. The motion, seconded by Ms. Patterson, passed with a 4-0 vote.

Proposed 2009-10 Calendar

The second item on the agenda was the proposed 2009-10 school year calendar. The Superintendent reviewed the proposed calendar, noting the start date before Labor Day requires CEA approval. The first day of school would be Aug 26th, with the last day June 11th, assuming no snow days. The proposed calendar includes the traditional February and April vacations, which are the weeks after the Massachusetts vacation weeks. The committee discussed whether the holiday vacation should be two weeks; Christmas falls on a Friday. The committee asked the
Superintendent to research what effect a two-week winter vacation would have on activities for seniors and to inform the committee whether the CEA approves the start before Labor Day. It was also noted that other school districts chose not to have school during a presidential election year given the disruption of polling places that are located in public schools.

The committee instructed the Superintendent to put the calendar on a future agenda as soon as we know the answers to the two questions specified above. No votes were taken.

The meeting adjoined at 6:45 p.m.

Kass Ardinger, Chair
Robert B. Prohl, Recorder

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