

# EDUCATION

## Ahkwasahsne Mohawk Board of Education - Public Session Meeting

Meeting Date: April 10, 1995. Meeting Called to Order 6:00 pm. Adjournment 6:58 pm.

Attendance: Brian Skidders, Gary Cole, Gloria Thompson, Angie Barnes, Rob Cree-Director, Cynthia Cook, Char Cook-Secretary, Eva Adams, Theresa Cole, Marion Thompson, Dorothy Lazore.

41095IB - April 10, 1995; Approval of Minutes March 27, 1995 - That the Board approve the minutes for the bimonthly meeting of the Ahkwasahsne Mohawk Board of Education, held on March 27, 1995 as presented. Moved: Marion Thompson, Seconded: Angie Barnes. Carried.

41095II - April 10, 1995; Request from Steering Committee - That the Board cover the cost for the games entry fee (\$3,000) for the North

American Indigenous Games. Moved: Theresa Cole, Seconded: Brian Skidders. Carried.

41095III2 - APRIL 10, 1995; Mohawk Immersion for Teachers - That the Board direct the Ahkwasahsne Mohawk Language Curriculum Program to research and develop a teacher training package regarding Mohawk Immersion. Moved: Angie Barnes, Seconded: Eva Adams, Carried.

That the Board offer and develop curriculum for teachers to take Mohawk Immersion. Moved: Brian Skidders, Seconded: Angie Barnes, Carried.

41095III3 - April 10, 1995; Whata Reserve - To be tabled to the next Board meeting. Moved: Angie Barnes, Seconded: Gloria Thompson, Carried.

41095III4 - April 10,

1995; Language Arts Series - Cynthia passed out books for the Board to peruse.

41095III5 - April 10, 1995; Alternative Education - That the Board support the concept of an Alternative Education Program in Ahkwasahsne and direct administration to further investigate the possibility of implementing a program for September 1995. Moved: Brian Skidders, Seconded: Gloria Thompson, Carried.

41095III6 - April 10, 1995; AISES Science Fair - That the Board receive this report for information purposes. Moved: Gloria Thompson, Seconded: Brian Skidders, Carried.

That the Board present congratulation certificates at the graduation and awards ceremony at the end of the school year to the winners. Moved:

Brian Skidders, Seconded: Angie Barnes, Carried.

41095III7 - April 10, 1995; Emergency Measures Planning - That the Board contribute \$445.00 toward the telephone system for the Emergency Measures Operations Centre. Moved: Angie Barnes, Seconded: Cynthia Cook, Carried.

NOTE: This will be taken out of Gifts & Donations 95/96 line item.

41095III8 - April 10, 1995; Grade 5/6 Class Trip - Kana:takon School - That the Board approve the year end trip for the

grade 5/6 class to Toronto. Moved: Theresa Cole, Seconded: Eva Adams, Carried.

41095III9 - April 10, 1995; Kinsmen School Trip - That the Board donate \$500 toward the annual Kinsmen School trip. Moved: Angie Barnes, Seconded: Eva Adams, 1 Abstention, Carried.

41095IIIC - April 10, 1995; Adjournment - That the Public Session of the regular Board meeting be adjourned (6:58 pm).

Moved: Brian Skidders, Seconded: Gloria Thompson, Carried.

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### A.M.S. School Committee Meeting - April 3, 1995

Attending: Carolyn Francis, Irving Papineau, Larry Garrow, Gary Cole, Lorraine Thompson, Theresa David, Ceci Francis, Melody Boots, Lisa Benedict.

**1. Building Expansion:** Discussions have been continuing on a scaled down version of our original request so that we will replace the existing protables (6). It appears that cost estimates will match what we have, \$1.3 million, and the part we don't have money for is the kitchen and multipurpose room (cafeteria). If we want a hot lunch program, we will have to raise the extra \$150,000. We already have about \$80,000 so we will need to raise about \$70,000 locally. Everyone felt this facility is really needed.

A group of people signed up last year to help with it and we will reconvene a meeting with them on April 11 at 7:00 pm to get the ball rolling.

We are estimating construction could start about Labor Day 1995, and con-

tinue through the winter.

A parent wondered about regular resourcing in classrooms when students being home photocopied books. Irving explained we are buying a new Language Arts program for grades 1-6 for September to help out in this area.

**2. Lacrosse Box/Ice Rink:** Some parents had been asking about making repairs to the rink, i.e. repainting, fix boards, repair wire mesh, build some bleachers, and maybe repairing some of the concrete. Parents would volunteer their time, maybe on a Saturday. We will check into it further and check on costs, perhaps \$800-\$1000.

**3. Ontario Report to Parents:** A report was presented from Ontario in newspaper form. We try to match what is going on in Ontario. A parent asked about penmanship and how it could be stressed more. Perhaps we could sponsor a con-

test in penmanship to coincide with Heritage Week in May. We could even ask for them to write a story. Teresa David asked if we would be interested in her pursuing a monthly newsletter for all 3 schools, maybe using students and computers to help and we agreed to help. This is a very important need we have - More public relations for our schools and letting people know of the many good things going on. She will be contacting Mr. Cree and submitting a proposal for funding.

**4. A.I.S.E.S.:** We reported on having 4 or 5 winners at the A.I.S.E.S. Science Fair on the weekend.

**5. Other Business:** Science and Math Curriculum Project is having an information night on Wednesday, April 8.

Parent Workshop on Drugs is being planned with police agencies to inform parents on a variety of issues. Parents

requested more information to be presented on the Lions Quest Program as well.

The next School Committee meeting was scheduled for April 24, 1995 at 7:00 pm.

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