

Jason Weir
123 Hilliard Road
Chichester, NH 03258
603-798-3668

June 27, 2014

Chichester School Board
219 Main Street
Chichester, NH 03258

Dear Harold Losey Jr., Benjamin Brown, and Sally Kelly

After reading the minutes of your April 16th 2014 Meeting, I have concerns regarding the decision to award staff stipends in recognition of the Blue Ribbon School Award. My concerns arise from the language in RSA 32:6, RSA 32:8 and RSA 32:10.

Specifically, I do not recall any discussion regarding stipends at the 2014 District Meeting. I also could not find a line item in the 2014-15 Budget referencing the stipend, although I could have missed it. Regarding RSA 32:10, otherwise known as the "No Means No" law, because the raises in the teachers' contract were voted down, RSA 32:10 seems to prohibit stipends, especially considering the lengthy discussion revolved around the salary increases, and the vote was for no salary increases.

Portions of your meetings where the stipends were discussed were non-public so any information potentially addressing these questions was not included in the public minutes. I ask that you please address my concerns about a possible violation of the law, and also the status of the stipends.

I plan to attend a Board Meeting as soon as possible to discuss this further. As it appears your next scheduled meeting is on 7/30 at Mr Losey's home and because I do not anticipate being the sole resident attending, it may make sense schedule another meeting for this purpose, preferably sooner than later. I'd rather this matter not linger until your 8/14 meeting.

Thank you,
Jason Weir

ref <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/III/32/32-6.htm>
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/III/32/32-8.htm>
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/III/32/32-10.htm>