

**Dawson SIMCO (School Council)
Dawson Elementary School
155 Salisbury Street
Holden, MA**

**Meeting
April 15, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: P. Scales, M. Horton, J. Maher, J. O'Brien, M. Rasku, B. Szymanski, C. Tidman,

Members Absent: M. James, C. Lucchesi, M. Mott, E. Trutor

Visitors: none

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Motion: M. Rasku

Second: J.O'Brien

I. Review and approval of minutes of March 18, 2008 SIMCO meeting

Minutes from March meeting were approved.

Motion: M. Rasku

Second: J. Maher

Vote: Approved, Unanimous

II. School enrollment

- Enrollment numbers have remained the same at 466 students.
- Approximately 70 kindergarten students are anticipated for the fall.

III. Strategic plan

SIMCO members move to accept the School Improvement Plan as written, with changes discussed at April 15th meeting.

Motion: C. Tidman

Second: M. Rasku

IV. School Committee update

M. James not present

V. School Survey

- Grade five exit survey will be turned in at next SIMCO meeting.
- Members received a copy of the Houghton Elementary School parent survey for review.

VI. Concerns

- Superintendent meeting – J. Maher
The Chocksett / Houghton realignment was discussed. An elementary 5th grade will run within a middle school building and schedule.

The overall \$1.4 million district budget cut will not cut staff. Rutland may need a 2 ½ override if the minimum contribution is too difficult for them to meet.

The energy-saving plan is yielding significant savings.

Damage to some school properties have occurred because of use by outside groups.

- Budget: An additional \$3,000 decline in the budget has brought the total budget cut to \$10,000 for next year.
- Volunteers for the *Book Room Committee* has still needed.

VIII. Good of the order

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting: May 20, 2008

Motion: J. Maher

Second: M. Rasku

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Horton, Acting Secretary