

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Stu Sklar, Patty Wenger, Piali De, Maureen Babcock, Lorraine Leonard, and Thomas Jefferson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes

Stu Sklar made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to approve the Minutes from the May 26, 2009 meeting as amended/
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Student Report

Molly O'Rourke-introduced herself as the newly elected Chair of the Student Council. The Committee welcomed her as the representative for School Committee. Gavin Arnold informed that the Iced Coffee House was this evening. Caroline Mazzolla informed the Committee of the new members elected to School Council. Molly stated that it was the Student Council's goal next year to educate students regarding the School Committee and its operation.

HES School Improvement Plan

Mary Beth Banios provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Elementary School Improvement Plan for next school year. The Committee discussed the process for approving the plan and will review it further. The Chair requested that Mary Beth provide updates bi-annually. Piali De requested to see metrics and measures of success in six months.

School Committee Reports

Piali De reported that she along with two other School Committee members met with the Bromfield Student Council where they discussed concerns regarding communication. Piali and Virginia will brainstorm on communication ideas. Piali will bring written notes to the Committee on the meeting with the Council as it was a posted School Committee meeting.

Keith Cheveralls apologized for his omission in thanking Community Education for their donation for Teacher Appreciation Week. He recognized that he had received some concerns regarding the revisions to the 0809 School Calendar. He stated that the Policy Subcommittee was in transition. He advised that the July 4th Committee invited all

members to march in the parade, and he suggested that they brainstorm ideas for a float. He informed that the Board of Selectmen had invited the School Committee to its June 16th meeting to discuss health insurance in executive session. Keith will check with the BOS for the accurate time and inform the Secretary for posting. He further informed that DEAC is also meeting on June 16th.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Jefferson congratulated Piali and Patty on the graduation of their children. He also expressed thanks to all who made the event a success.

Old Business

Update on Oil Gas Conversion

Lorraine Leonard gave an update on the oil to natural gas conversion at HES. Advertisements for bids had been placed, and bid packets were being sent to interested parties. The Bid Opening is scheduled for July 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Superintendent Annual Report

The Committee discussed the purpose, structure and function of the Annual Report and charged Dr. Jefferson to prepare a revised Report.

Data and Reference Material for SC Members

Dr. Jefferson provided an update on Strategic Goal #5.

Update on FY09 Budget

Lorraine Leonard provided an update on the FY09 Budget. Accounts are till tracking well and we anticipate having \$245,000 to close out on July 15th. The Committee agreed to change the end of year business meeting from July 8th to July 9th, and the Chair requested that the Secretary change the posting.

Update on FY10 Budget

Lorraine Leonard provided an update on FY10 Budget. We can anticipate less revenue from the state, although the amount does not appear to be significant. Based on what is known now, we are in good shape. She hopes to have final numbers by July 1st. The Chair thanked Tim Bragan for holding the Committee to the larger 9C cuts.

New Business

Policy KGB

The Chair passed on this item.

Meeting Calendar

The Committee reviewed the proposed meeting calendar. They further agreed to present their recommendations at the next meeting.

Payroll Signatures

Due to the fact that the Chair cannot be a signor on payroll warrants, Lorraine Leonard proposed that the Committee Secretary be voted a third alternate signatory.

VOTED Stu Sklar made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to authorize the Committee Secretary as the third alternate signatory on payroll warrants. (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Letter to Senator Eldridge

The Committee reviewed a letter drafted by Virginia Justicz to send to the Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

VOTED Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to send the letter to the Chair and copy representatives. (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Future Agenda Items

The Chair recommended the Committee review its 0809 SC Goals during its Goal Setting Meeting. He further recommended that the School Business Manager discuss operating procedures, and the TBS SIP be kept to a one hour presentation. Patty Wenger and Virginia Justicz will advise when the Long Range Planning Subcommittee is prepared to present.

Gifts

No gifts were offered.

Executive Session

Virginia Justicz made a motion and Stu Sklar seconded that the School Committee enter into executive session, as authorized by Chapter 39, Section 23B

of the Massachusetts General Laws, at a meeting for which 48 hours notice has been given, for the purpose of discussing:

1. Contract negotiations with non union personnel
2. Strategy with regard to grievance procedures under a collective bargaining agreement.

Following the executive session, the Committee will reconvene into open session, for the sole purpose of adjourning.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes), Patty Wenger (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Minutes submitted,

Jackie Smith
Recording Secretary