

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, November 15, 2010
7:00 pm.

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Piali De, Patty Wenger, Kirsten Wright, Maureen Babcock, and Thomas Jefferson

Keith Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Patty Wenger made a motion and Piali De seconded to approve as amended the minutes from the November 1, 2010 meeting.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to approve as amended the minutes from the November 8, 2010 meeting.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Maureen Babcock reported to the committee that she visited the Fort Devens Museum and it is a wonderful local resource. The museum can accommodate student visits or the coordinator can visit classrooms.

Superintendent Jefferson congratulated Ted Zayka on the wonder performance of “Plaza Suite”. The performance was very powerful. Dr. Jefferson reported that George Rameriz will be coming out to the district on Thursday to visit Hildreth Elementary.

Keith Cheveralls thanked both schools for the tremendous effort on behalf of the Veteran’s Day ceremonies. Keith reported that the Tri-board meeting scheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled and is tentatively rescheduled for December 1st.

HEAC – Second reading Energy Policy

Brian Smith from the Energy Advisory Committee presented the second reading of the Harvard Energy Reduction Plan. Two policy documents require School Committee approval, the Energy Reduction Plan and the Vehicle Policy.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded - move that the Committee approve the Harvard Energy Reduction Plan, dated November 14, 2010 subject to any future revision that do not negate the purpose or intent of the plan.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded - move that the Committee approve the HEAC Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy subject to any future revision that do not negate the purpose or intent of the plan.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Bromfield School Improvement Plan

Jim O'Shea thanked members for their participation on School Council. Molly O'Rourke Friel updated the Committee on the great success of the fall sports teams. The Boys Soccer team will be competing in the state semi finals. And three members of the Cross Country Team will compete in the All State Meet. Mr. O'Shea thanked Scott Broadbent for organizing the Veteran's Day event at The Bromfield School.

Mr. O'Shea updated the Committee on the steps taken and progress made relative to specific goals of the Bromfield School Improvement Plan.

Hildreth Elementary School Improvement Plan

Suzanne Mahoney recognized the team work required to implement the goals of the Harvard School Improvement Plan. Suzanne Mahoney along with Maryann Cheveralls, Peggy Bragg, Elizabeth Egan and Gretchen Henry gave an overview of the progress of the Hildreth Elementary School Improvement Plan goals.

Curriculum & Instructional Leadership Subcommittee

Piali De presented an overview evolution into the proposed model of leadership at HES. Next step is to communicate quickly and carefully, getting input from school council, faculty and the community. Follow up next week in order to build strong consensus from the committee. The Instructional Leadership Subcommittee will meet on Friday morning to follow up.

Patty Wenger made a motion and Piali De seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary