

School Committee Minutes
The Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, February 28, 2011
5:30 pm.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in executive session for the purpose of reviewing application for the Interim Superintendent post. The meeting became public at 7:01.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to approve the minutes from the February 14th meeting as amended.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Patty Wenger made a motion and Keith Cheveralls seconded to accept the subcommittee minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting with Boxborough

VOTED (2/0) to accept the motion Keith Cheveralls (Yes) and Patty Wenger (Yes)

Patty Wenger made a motion and Keith Cheveralls seconded to accept the subcommittee minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting with Boxborough as amended.

VOTED (2/0) to accept the motion Keith Cheveralls (Yes) and Patty Wenger (Yes)

Future direction and goals of Community Education

Judy Cavanaugh joined the committee to discuss future plans for a preschool extended day program and possibilities for a wider range of offerings at the middle school level. The committee realizes that due to the economy, shifts and adjustment in the program may need to be made. The committee asked Tom Jefferson and Judy Cavanaugh to see what other communities and districts do, analyze individual program strengths and bring back a straw model business plan.

Review School Capital Articles for Annual Town Meeting Warrant. This will also include deliberation on the proposal presented by the Capital Planning and Investment Committee regarding Municipal Buildings at the Quad Board meeting.

Dr. Jefferson reviewed the school's capital warrant articles. The committee will decide at the March 14th who will speak to each individual school article at town meeting. The committee discussed the Capital Planning and Investment Committee's municipal building proposal and chose to take no action at this time.

Superintendent and School Committee/District Goals 2010/11 – mid-term review

The committee reviewed progress, completion and ongoing work being made toward the School Committee's individual and district goals.

Review and approve the new and revised calendar for SY12

Dr. Jefferson presented the FY12 calendar which included two revisions (1) to change the full day for professional development from October 7th to October 11th and (2) to have no school on January 2, 2012 due to federal holiday observation.

Piali De made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to move that the committee approve the 2011/2012 calendar as presented.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Acceptance of the Superintendent's resignation letter

The Committee reviewed the resignation letter of Superintendent Thomas Jefferson effective June 30, 2011

Patty Wenger made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to accept Dr. Jefferson's resignation effective June 30, 2011.

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion.

Future Agenda Item:

Review of strategic plan

Budget book content

School Improvement Plan review

Review of Policy Section H

Patty Wenger made a motion and Piali De seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m

VOTED (4/0) to accept the motion.

Keith Cheveralls recused from the vote.

Mary Zadroga

Recording Secretary