

School Committee Minutes
The Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, July 25, 2011
5:15 p.m.

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Piali De, Patty Wenger, Kirsten Wright, SusanMary Redinger, Maureen Babcock and Joseph Connelly.

Keith Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Patty Wenger made a motion and SusanMary Redinger seconded to accept the minutes of the July 11th meeting as amended.

VOTE (5/0) to accept the motion

Superintendent Report

Dr. Connelly reported that he has met with the Administrative Council to make plans for a school readiness meeting planned for August 24 at 8:30 a.m. at TBS library. Joe informed the committee that the vacant position at HES for a Library Media Specialist may possibly be revised to a Library Media Technology Specialist to get more educational value from the position. The position will be advertised in the Boston Globe and the hope is to be able to act on filling the position within the next two weeks. Joe will bring forward the job description for the new position.

At the request of the Town Clerk, Janet Vellante, the committee voted to change the early release date from Wednesday, May 2, to Tuesday, May 1, 2012 to accommodate the Town Election to be held in the Bromfield cafeteria.

SusanMary Redinger made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to move that we move the early release day from May 2nd to May 1st and send out a revised calendar.

VOTE (5/0) to accept the motion

Library Trustees request for discussion regarding student's use of the town Library after daily dismissal.

Dr. Connelly reported that a meeting was held on July 21, 2011 with Marty Green, Mary Wilson and school administration to brain storm solutions and come up with an action plan to encourage students to use the library for its intended purpose after daily dismissal. There will be a follow up meeting to outline action plan and next steps.

Continuation of School Committee and Superintendent 2011/12 goals/subcommittee discussion

Joseph Connelly, Piali De and SusanMary Redinger updated the committee on the working document created to outline definable goals that will move the district forward. The document is a starting point to help facilitate goal statements, outcome statements and Harvard's needs. The committee focused on each goal one by one and SusanMary updated the goals document as language was defined and fine tuned. The working

product is essentially a public document. SusanMary will consolidate the change and send to Joe Connelly, all school committee members and the press.

The committee charged Interim Superintendent Joseph Connelly to begin working on these goals subsequent to approval by School Committee.

Commentary

Patty - thanked everyone for these goals and likes the 5:15 start time

SusanMary – thanked all who worked in the extreme heat pitch forking mulch to complete the playground project

Keith – noted the success of the playground project is a hallmark of what can be done when people work together.

Piali – extremely excited and proud of the goal work.

Future Agenda Items

Library Media Technology Specialist job description

Policy evaluation

Subcommittee assignments

SusanMary Redinger made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

VOTE (5/0) to accept the motion

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Zadroga