

School Committee Minutes  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
8:00 a.m.

Members attending: SusanMary Redinger, Kirsten Wright, Keith Cheveralls, Patty Wenger, Maureen Babcock, Lorraine Leonard, Bob Sullebarger and Joseph Connelly

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Strategies to Manage Declining Enrollment Report**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the June report dated June 10, 2013 prepared by the Declining Enrollment Subcommittee and the Choice(s) report dated September 2, 2013 prepared by Keith Cheveralls. With the anticipation of an enrollment decline two options surfaced – one to reduce expenses by reducing staff the other to maintain current funding and reallocate staff savings to expand curriculum offerings. Also discussed was the possibility of decreasing school choice in with the increase in Devens enrollments SusanMary suggested that during the FY15 budget preparation the budget start with no choice subsidy and as financial needs are determined the choice number can be added based on enrollment and revenue needs.

The Committee decided they would like to have more information on how the Bromfield schedule would be impacted by declining enrollment. Would a smaller number of students help to even out classes and would it help eliminate conflicts that make it difficult for students to take the courses they want. The next steps are to meet with Jim O’Shea, Scott Hoffman and the guidance department to discuss scheduling questions. Next steps also include working with MassDevelopment to get a better grasp on the Deven population now and what is predicted down the road.

The Policy Subcommittee will put review of the choice policy on their to do list. The Declining Enrollment Subcommittee will meet with Jim, Scott , and Lisa Soldi on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am. at TBS

Keith Cheveralls made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Zadroga  
Recording Secretary