



Town of Littleton School Committee

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 18, 2007 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Charlie Ellis
Shawna Stea
Paul Avella
Mike Fontanella
Nancy Mizzoni

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Steve Mark
Diane King
Raina Martinec

CALL TO ORDER (7:36)

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.
- B. On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendment on the January 3, 2007 minutes by adding Nancy Mizzoni's name to the "present" column and removing her from "absent."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Raina Martinec gave an overview of the High School Report.
- B. Dr. Bemis provided a personnel update.
- C. Nelina Backman, English Department Head, discussed proposed electives for grades 11 and 12.
- D. Dr. Bemis discussed establishing a full day Kindergarten rate.

RECOGNITION

- A. Dr. Bemis read a list of LEF grants awarded to teachers.
- B. Paul Avella gave an overview on the Permanent Municipal Building Committee and a planned opening date of the new Middle School on Monday, January 22nd.
- C. Mike Fontanella gave an overview on the Budget Subcommittee's meeting on Tuesday with FinCom.
- D. Shawna Stea announced that the Superintendent Search Committee is dissolved and thanked Susan Donovan in Central Office for her services.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Helen Hamm, from First Student Transportation, recommended possible policy changes for the School Committee to consider.
- B. Charlie Ellis discussed MASBO Financial Operations Review Report which was provided to School Committee in preparation for the February 15 School Committee meeting.
- C. Dr. Bemis discussed School Department and Council on Aging joint activities planned for the future, as well as current volunteer opportunities Central Office.
- D. Charlie Ellis announced that new correspondence was received from Cathy Zimmerman regarding the naming of the Middle School.
- E. Charlie Ellis discussed a recent call from the Lowell Sun regarding an alleged violation of the Open Meeting Law.
- F. Dr. Bemis discussed a member of the teaching staff who was put on Administrative Leave.
- G. Dr. Bemis mentioned there are ongoing discussions regarding a town-wide facilities manager.
- H. Dr. Bemis discussed an upcoming Education Quality and Accountability (EQA) Audit. She thanked Dr. Geri Lyn Ajemian and Diane King for preparing us for this audit by collecting numerous district wide documents.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Bob O'Neill discussed the Student Retention Committee and the Elementary Curriculum Enhancement Committee.
- B. Charlie Ellis asked that the Policy Subcommittee review and/or establish a policy where requests for information from the public be put in writing to the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. (AYE: Unanimous)