



Town of Littleton School Committee

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 4, 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 (7:32)

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.
- B. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda. (AYE: Unanimous)

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Ken Smith inquired about the Elementary Enhancement Committee and Student Retention Committee.
- B. Kathleen Higgins talked about MCAS and analysis.
- C. Maureen Adema discussed budget.
- D. Ken Smith talked about real estate trends and property taxes.
- E. Mary Ystueta discussed building safety and the CORI process.
- F. Ken Smith talked about building safety.
- G. Jenn Nash expressed her appreciation to the school board/committee members for these listening meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Raina Martinec gave an overview of the High School Report including a History class field trip to the JFK Library, yearbook, theatre class upcoming performance, and recent Alumni Day.
- B. Dr. Bemis provided a staff update where one .2 Shaker Lane School Nurse (Donna Gould)

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position was added; thereby changing the existing Nurse, Carla Dumas, to a .8 position.

- C. Steve Mark provided an update on building and staff communication systems. He has received the one time cost associated with walkie talkies and is awaiting a proposal from Nextel for their combined phone and walkie talkie capability.
- D. Charlie Ellis announced the School Committee will acknowledge receipt of written communications in a new segment of the School Committee agenda entitled “Correspondence”, including a legal department communication recently received (to be addressed under the “New Business” portion of this meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Paul Avella provided an update on the Permanent Municipal Building Committee. Prior to receiving the new Middle School occupancy permit, there are some inspections to be completed. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 8th.
- B. Mike Fontanella gave an overview on last night’s Budget Subcommittee meeting. He said that FinCom is pleased -- we are meeting expectations and that they are looking at historical trends.
- C. Shawna Stea provided information on the Superintendent Search Committee. The Committee met over winter break and narrowed the search down to eight candidates. Interviews will finish on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Charlie Ellis reviewed a legal contract renewal document for a professional services retainer fee from Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP. On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to approve the legal services agreement as outlined by Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP. (AYE: Unanimous)

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Mary Ystueta discussed the Shaker Lane PTA and fundraising.
- B. Goo Newman talked about an upcoming basket fundraising effort.
- C. Ken Smith discussed capital expenditures and new schools.
- D. Mary Ystueta talked about the school system communication tools.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. (AYE: Unanimous)