



Town of Littleton School Committee

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AMENDED

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES October 5, 2006 7:30 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis, Supt.
Steve Mark, Bus. Mgr.

CALL TO ORDER (7:37)

- A. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Ellis.
- B. On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve the consent agenda. (AYE: Unanimous)

RECOGNITION

- A. Raina Martinec was recognized for her participation at the school committee meetings.
- B. Twenty six seniors were congratulated for receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.
- C. The Littleton Educators Association was recognized for their donation of three AED's.
- D. The Littleton Rotary Club was recognized for donating funds to grade nine orientation program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Bemis asked Mark Levine to review the Middle School Washington, D.C. tour scheduled this March, for the 8th grade. On a motion made by Nancy Mizzoni and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to accept the Middle School Washington, D.C. tour with a friendly amendment to keep the school committee posted on fund raising efforts. (AYE: Unanimous)
- B. In an effort to save money as well as increase instructional student time, Dr. Bemis asked John Overcash to review reasons we will not be serving lunch on early release days at the High School, with the option of a limited cold lunch available for students to pre-order and prepay. The change will take effect October 18.
- C. Dr. Bemis announced the Middle School After School Activities Program Progress Report will be delayed until Kevin Moran's return.

Our mission is to inspire and sustain learning and achievement, preparing each student for the challenges of life in the 21st century.

- D. Dr. Bemis gave an update on the various personnel changes in the district.
- E. Dr. Bemis asked Steve Mark to review the athletic surcharge. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Mark Fontanella, it was voted to charge Bromfield athletes the unfunded costs per participant of \$53 in football and \$532 in ice hockey. (AYE: Unanimous)
- F. Dr. Bemis asked Steve Mark to review the proposed a financial operations review. On a motion made by Mark Fontanella and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to accept a MASBO Financial Operations Review program. (AYE: Unanimous)

MIDDLE SCHOOL LISTENING

- A. Littleton resident Kathy Arena discussed textbook funding and the location of MS school committee meetings.
- B. Littleton resident Mary Dugan discussed textbook funding and school choice.
- C. Littleton resident Elaine Braun-Keller discussed textbook funding.
- D. Littleton resident Jan Hebert-O'Callaghan discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- E. Littleton resident Craig Himmelberger discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- F. Littleton resident Kristen Montemagno discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- G. Littleton resident Rob Moodie discussed the no cut policy.
- H. Littleton resident Chuck Bush discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- I. Littleton resident Jane Hebert-O'Callaghan discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- J. Littleton resident Mary Dugan discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- K. Littleton resident Mark Levine discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.
- L. Littleton resident John Court discussed the no cut policy for MS sports and the after school activities program.
- M. Littleton resident Mark Johanson discussed the no cut policy for MS sports.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Middle School Building Update: Paul Avella gave a presentation on the new middle school plan.
- B. Budget Subcommittee: Mike Fontanella discussed a new spreadsheet format for building principals.
- C. Policy Subcommittee: Second Reading: Policy JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics – to be revisited at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Charlie Ellis stated they would hold the discussion of naming the new Middle School until the next meeting.
- B. Student representative, Raina Martinec, presented the various opportunities and happenings at the school.
- C. On a motion made by Shawna Stea and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to accept possession of SBA Project #W20034363. (AYE: Unanimous)
- D. Diane Bemis gave an update on the Russell Street work camp surveys and recent student backpack distribution.
- E. Charlie Ellis announced the Superintendent Search Committee participants.
- F. On a motion made by Shawna Stea and seconded by Mike Fontanella it was voted to appoint Paul Avella as the school committee delegate to MASC workshop in November.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Littleton resident Kathy Arena discussed MASBO funding and the curriculum job posting and description.
- B. Littleton resident Dave Dary discussed academic leveling in education and athletics.
- C. Littleton resident Elaine Braun-Keller discussed the budget.
- D. Littleton resident Jane Hebert-O'Callaghan discussed the after school survey and desire to post it to the website.
- E. Littleton resident Bob O'Neil discussed school security. Dr. Bemis announced Matt Pinard's part-time return to increase security levels.
- F. Paul Avella presented on the no cut policy debate and asked the superintendent to gather data with similar school demographics.
- G. Littleton resident Jane Hebert-O'Callaghan discussed building security during release days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:07 PM to discuss strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel without the intention of returning to Open Session. (Roll Call: Mike Fontanella, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Shawna Stea, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE; Charlie Ellis, AYE)



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES October 5, 2006 10:20 PM

PRESENT: Charlie Ellis
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Mike Fontanella

CALL TO ORDER (10:20)

- A. The meeting was called to order by Charlie Ellis.
- B. Contract negotiations for the interim superintendent were discussed. On a motion made by Shawna Stea and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to accept vacation days with a friendly amendment of 26 days for a 13 month contract -- which accrues at two days per month. (Roll Call: Shawna Stea, AYE; Mike Fontanella, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE; Charlie Ellis, AYE)
- C. On a motion by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Paul Avella it was voted to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:36 PM. (Roll Call: Shawna Stea, AYE; Mark Fontanella, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE; Charlie Ellis, AYE)