



Town of Littleton School Committee

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PAUL J. AVELLA, Member

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES November 2, 2006 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Nancy Mizzoni
Shawna Stea
Paul Avella
Mike Fontanella

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Steve Mark
Raina Martinec
Diane King

ABSENT: Charlie Ellis

CALL TO ORDER (7:30)

- A. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Mizzoni.
- B. On a motion by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda. (AYE: Unanimous)

RECOGNITION

- A. Amber Cardoos, student at Littleton High School, was recognized for her outstanding achievement in obtaining a perfect score on the Spring 2006 MCAS tests.
- B. Maureen Caoutte, teacher at Littleton Middle School, was recognized for her appointment to the Department of Education Art Advisory Council.
- C. The Littleton Youth Sports Association was recognized for funds contributed for the purchase of athletic uniforms and equipment for school teams.
- D. The Littleton Scholarship Trust Fund was recognized for raising funds for student scholarships.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. No citizens came forward to speak at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Student Representative Raina Martinec gave an update on high school events.
- B. Dr. Bemis announced a December 7, 2006 public forum, open to all Littleton citizens, for the purpose of naming the Littleton Middle School.
- C. Mike Lynn was unable to find data preceding implementation of the no cut policy.

- D. Steve Mark provided an overview on the Littleton School Athletic Budget and fee analysis, by sport, for the Middle School.
- E. Dr. Bemis introduced Dr. Geri Lyn Ajemian as the new Curriculum Coordinator for the district. Dr. Bemis also provided other personnel staffing updates.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Paul Avella announced that the chairman of the building committee will give an update on the Littleton Middle School Project on November 6th.
- B. Shawna Stea gave an update on the Superintendent Search Committee including: (1) surveys to the community and staff; (2) marketing and advertising plans and; (3) the revised timeline.
- C. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to offer a Superintendent salary range, for marketing and advertising materials, of \$118,000 - \$140,000. (AYE: Paul Avella, Mike Fontanella; NAY: Shawna Stea, Nancy Mizzoni) The motion did not carry.
- D. On a motion made by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to offer a Superintendent salary range, for marketing and advertising materials, of \$118,000 - \$145,000. (AYE: Mike Fontanella, Shawna Stea, Nancy Mizzoni; NAY: Paul Avella)
- E. Mike Fontanella gave an update on budget categories, tools, and tracking.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dr. Bemis announced the formation of a Student Retention Committee to determine what can be done to attract and retain students. The first meeting is scheduled for November 13th.
- B. Paul Avella announced the Board of Selectmen meeting, November 6th, regarding a briefing on the Central Office relocation.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Littleton resident Kathy Arena discussed the no cut policy vote and Superintendent Search.
- B. High School Principal John Buckey presented the Littleton High School 2006-2007 Profile brochure created by Assistant Principal Carolyn Banach.
- C. Littleton resident Rose Wing discussed the Superintendent Search and requested a committee to study curriculum for high achievers.
- D. Littleton resident Ian Kersley talked about the Student Retention Committee.
- E. Littleton resident Mary Dugan discussed the Student Retention Committee.
- F. Littleton resident Ken Smith discussed the Student Retention Committee.
- G. Dennis Mahoney, Littleton Science Department Head, discussed Differentiated Instruction.
- H. Littleton resident Maureen Adema discussed curriculum for gifted students.

- I. Paul Avella asked citizens to come to the school board early on before considering sending their child to a charter, choice or private school.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. (AYE: Unanimous)