



Town of Littleton School Committee

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CHARLIE ELLIS, Chair

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SHAWNA STEA, Member

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 24, 2008 7:30 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Steve Mark
Marilyn Fedele
Will Zimmerman

CALL TO ORDER (7:33 PM)

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.
- B. Charlie Ellis led in a moment of silence in memory of Mary Crory Leahy.
- C. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda. AYE: Unanimous

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. None.

RECOGNITION

- A. None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. High School Student Update: In the middle of mid-term exams. The hockey team was mentioned in today's Boston Globe. New semester starts Monday. Spirit week will be in March.
- B. Dr. Diane Bemis gave an update on recent personnel changes.
- C. School Council Updates: Each of the principals gave an update report on their School Councils.
- D. State of History/Social Studies Curriculum given by Marian Dyer. Teaching a virtual high school class in the spring; an increase in slots by 25. New textbooks and lots of supplemental/support materials. Students doing local government day. School Committee would like to see this expanded to also include Littleton town government.
- E. AYP Report: Dr. Geri Lyn Ajemian discussed the 2007 AYP report in great detail.

- F. Grant Report: Dr. Geri Lyn Ajemian and Dianna Peterson discussed the several types of grants that Littleton receives.
- G. Budget: Steve Mark stated that we are halfway through the fiscal year and have spent 50% of appropriated funds.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Paul Avella gave a Municipal Building Committee update. Proceeding satisfactorily. Warranty issues being worked, timing, etc. Looking for some extended warranties.
- B. Middle School: On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to accept the new Middle School building, #W20014209 as complete. (AYE: Unanimous)
- C. Budget Subcommittee: Mike Fontanella stated that there is not a lot to report. Continuing to crunch the numbers for the FINCOM.
- D. Safety and Security Subcommittee: The police radios are in hand. Developing an internal mechanism to use them along with developing acceptable guidelines.
- E. Policy Subcommittee: A parent raised concern about a website used in a classroom and questioned any policy on website use.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Eric Arnold informed the School Committee of upcoming field trips by the Snowboard and Ski Clubs to Vermont.
- B. Full Day Kindergarten Tuition: Rich Faherty presented the preliminary proposal for increasing Full Day Kindergarten tuition. Not many neighboring towns offer full day kindergarten. Registration is February 6. Parents will be advised of a possible increase in tuition.
- C. Devens: Dr. Bemis and Shawna Stea will attend the Devens informational meeting when it is scheduled.
- D. MSBA Meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2008.
- E. FINCOM Meeting is February 12, 2008.
- F. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to move the School Committee Meeting from Valentine's Day, February 14, to February 7. (AYE: Unanimous)
- G. Parent Seminar on driving safety will be held February 28th at the High School.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. None.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. (AYE: Unanimous)