

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 15, 2008
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Charlie Ellis
Paul Avella
Shawna Stea
Nancy Mizzoni (8:00)
Mike Fontanella

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Marilyn Fedele
Will Zimmerman (7:34)
Amber Cardoos

CALL TO ORDER (7:30 PM)

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

PRESENTATION

- A. George Davis and Dwight Long presented the Littleton School Department with a check for \$4000 raised from the Littleton Open Golf Tournament.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Jen Mayo – Questioned how the busing mileage is determined

REORGANIZATION

- A. On a motion by Paul Avella, and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to elect Charlie Ellis as Chairman of the School Committee. (AYE: Unanimous)
- B. On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni, seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to elect Shawna Stea as Vice Chair of the School Committee. (AYE: Unanimous)
- C. On a motion by Paul Avella, seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to elect Mike

Fontanella as Secretary of the School Committee. (AYE: Unanimous)

D. Subcommittee assignments remain unchanged from the previous year.

RECOGNITION

A. Thank you to Amber Cardoos and Will Zimmerman, the High School Representatives to the School Committee, and best wishes for their future, with a request that they return next year and report on how well the Littleton Public Schools helped them be prepared for college.

B. Jim Karr for his donation of a new flag to the Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. High School Student Update: Spring sports are in full swing; the Latin Club is sponsoring a dinner and members are wearing togas; AP's are finished; tomorrow is the last day before finals; the prom last Friday was a success.

B. Dr. Diane Bemis gave a personnel update.

C. School Committee Appointee to Finance Committee – Dave Stevens gave an update of the requirements and responsibilities for this position.

D. State of Curriculum (Science) – Achieving the goal of evolving into a great program. LabQuest is a great addition to the program. Will work with everyone to see how we can get additional funding for our students.

E. School Handbooks - This is the second reading of the School Handbooks. On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni, and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve all four student handbooks. (AYE: Unanimous)

F. School Committee Summer Workshops August 20 and 21, 2008 with the Administrative Team and the School Committee. The focus will be on negotiations and contract items. Needs to be posted as an Executive Session, 4:00-9:00 p.m. It will be brought up again at the June 5 meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Evaluation - Dr. Bemis has submitted her self-evaluation to the School Committee.

B. Policy Subcommittee – Paul Avella attended the MASC Meeting on 4/29/08. Possible Chapter 70 problems in 2010; revenue down, expenses up.

C. MSBA – proposed funding for the feasibility study was approved at Town Meeting and

Town Election.

- D. Energy Management – EEI provided us with a policy. The contract was signed at the end of April. Have till next month to approve the policy. This is the first reading.
- E. Budget Subcommittee: No update.
- F. Charles Kaye Memorial: Wonderful evening; with numerous members of the Kaye family. Thank you to the Board and everyone who supported us in the endeavor.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Summer Reading at Gary's – reading Saturday morning's at Gary's at from 9:00-10:00 for ages 3 to 6. Ed's Weenies will give a free hot dog to those who complete the reading.
- B. Administrators Merit Bonuses – The merits and shortcomings of this proposal were discussed.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Mary Yseutas supports the idea of having the Handbook on line. Make it one per family at Shaker Lane.
- B. Carla Smith – Questioned the establishment of 90 minute release days. Also asked why negotiations were under Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. to enter Executive Session for contract negotiation (Exemption #3) with no intention to return to Open Session. (Roll Call: Paul Avella, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Shawna Stea, AYE; Charlie Ellis, AYE)