

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 9, 2009
7:30 PM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Marilyn Fedele
Steve Mark
Caroline Knowles

CALL TO ORDER 8:18 PM

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.
- B. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to approve the minutes of March 26, 2009, as amended. Change the word “kids” to “students”.
(AYE: Unanimous)
- C. Meeting turned over to Tim Goddard, the Town Moderator and Chairman of the Appointing Committee for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School District Representative. We have one representative and one alternate. Seeking to select a representative to replace Whitey Kish. This will be a 3-year term starting April 1, 2009. Jim Karr made a motion to appoint Bob LaVallee to a three year term as representative to the Nashoba Valley Technical High School Committee, seconded by Charlie Ellis.
(AYE: Unanimous). The alternate position is now open and needs to be posted.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

- A. Recognized Mr. Kish for his 42 years as Littleton representative to the Nashoba Technical High School.
- B. Recognized Bill Meagher, Director, Littleton School Facilities, for his many years of

outstanding service to the American Red Cross.

- C. Recognized Mark Page, LHS student. His team placed first in UMass Lowell Teams Program for their robotics project. Gail Poulter stated that this program enrolls high school students who receive college credit and it is a full year program.
- D. The Latin students have participated in an Honors Latin Test and 24 students were recognized for their exemplary performance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Caroline Knowles gave the High School update.
- B. Dr. Bemis presented a personnel update.
- C. Summary of Russell Street School Public Meeting. Paul Avella stated that the word "Need" must be emphasized. Two walk-thrus scheduled on May 2 and 3 from 12 noon to 2:00 P.M. Guided tours of the Russell Street School building will take place on May 2 and 3 from 12:00- 2:00 PM.
- D. 2009-10 School Calendar – Change the March 24 date to March 31 because it is an MCAS date. Administrator Council will develop procedures for notifying in advance of student absences due to religious observations. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar. (AYE: Unanimous)
- E. Special Education Transportation Collaborative. Steve Mark gave an update on the meeting with Groton-Dunstable.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. School Building Committee. Already reported earlier in meeting.
- B. Budget Subcommittee – Mike Fontanella presented the School budget for the next fiscal year and can be seen on Channel 8.
- C. Safety and Security Sub-Committee. During the potential renovation at Russell Street, every person will have to be CORI'd.
- D. Policy Sub-Committee – nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fee Schedule for Building Use. Discussions are ongoing with Park & Rec.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Jen Mayo re. SPED busing and site council meetings.

- A. John Lance concerned about full day kindergarten class with some part-time students.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:42 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiation strategy with no intention to return to Open Session. (Roll Call: Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Mike Fontanella, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE, Shawna Stea, AYE; and Charlie Ellis AYE).