

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 5, 2008  
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Charlie Ellis  
Paul Avella  
Shawna Stea  
Nancy Mizzoni

**ALSO PRESENT:** Diane Bemis  
Marilyn Fedele  
Steve Mark

**ABSENT:** Mike Fontanella

**RECEPTION FOR RETIREES**

Susan Cooney –	MS Social Studies Teacher	1976	32 years
Fred Fitzpatrick	HS Chemistry Teacher	1985	23 years
Leo Foley	HS/MS/RS Music Teacher	1983	25 years
Susan Richards-Hallstein,	HS Art Teacher	2001	7 years
Karen Patriquin	RS Gr. 4 Teacher	1977	31 years

**CALL TO ORDER (7:41 PM)**

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

**INTERESTED CITIZENS**

- A. None

**RECOGNITION**

- A. John Overcash was recognized for earning School Nutrition Specialist (SNS) certification from the School Nutrition Association (SNA).
- B. Carrie and Tim Normandin praised Steven Bergman for his musical productions. The production of Cabaret was huge. It received 14 of 22 nominations for the Tammy Award.

- C. Received a letter of recognition of our Special Ed procedures from a local hospital. Dianna Peterson was congratulated for her leadership.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Dr. Diane Bemis gave a personnel update.
- B. School Improvement Plan. The District Improvement Plan has been rewritten and aligned. Dr. George Ladd met with teachers, administrators, student and parent councils. Each of the principals gave an update on their plans and the goals for the coming year.
- C. Food Service Update. John Overcash reported that we anticipate ending the year with a positive cash flow.
- D. Transportation Bid. On a motion by Paul Avella, seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to approve the Dee Bus Service contract as proposed. (AYE: Unanimous)
- E. School Committee Calendar. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to approve the 08-09 School Committee Calendar (without school locations listed). (AYE: Unanimous)
- F. School Committee Summer Workshops will be held August 20 and 21, 2008 with the Administrative Team and the School Committee in the Superintendent's Office 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- G. MSBA Update – Dr. Bemis reported Littleton was not put on the May agenda.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Policy Subcommittee – the second reading on Busing Policy has been put off till the fall. The Busing Policy will remain the same for this year.
- B. The EEI Policy with recommended changes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- C. Superintendent Evaluation – This will be put on the agenda for both the June 19 and July 17 meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Update on Shaker Lane Univents –Vice Chairman of the PMBC is working with the maintenance department to start the process of Univent replacements.

### **INTERESTED CITIZENS**

- A. Bob O'Neil re. clarification on when potential changes to busing policy would go into effect.

## **ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. and enter Executive Session for Exemption No. 3, with no intention to return to Open Session. (Roll Call: Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Charlie Ellis, AYE; Shawna Stea, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE)