

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 26, 2009  
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Charlie Ellis  
Paul Avella  
Mike Fontanella (7:43)  
Nancy Mizzoni  
Shawna Stea

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

**CALL TO ORDER (7:34 PM)**

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order. Started the meeting with a moment silence Mr. Higgins and Mr. Malloy who recently passed away.
- B. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections to the minutes of February 12; change line 21 to “state tournament” and line 43 add after the word rate “by \$90”. (Mike Fontanella, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Shawna Stea, AYE; and Charlie Ellis, AYE.)

**PRESENTATION**

- A. Jim Byrne made a public presentation on the 2008 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Summary reports will be put up on the district website.

**INTERESTED CITIZENS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. Sara Adams gave the High School update.
- B. Dr. Bemis presented a personnel update.

- C. John Overcash gave the Food Service update.
- D. Craig Gruskowski gave an update on the proposed Hall of Fame. Motion made by Paul Avella, seconded by Mike Fontanella that the School Committee offer encouragement and moral support to the Littleton High School Athletic Hall of Fame and that the superintendent and high school personnel establish a suitable location in the high school to appropriately display the honors bestowed by the Littleton High School Athletic Hall of Fame. (AYE: Unanimous)
- E. Budget Year-to-Date – As of February 20, 64% of the school year and 56% of our budget is expended. On target; striving to save every penny.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. School Building Committee - Dr. Bemis gave an update on Russell Street. Public presentation on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. here.
  - B. Budget Subcommittee – Waiting for information from the Town, the State, and maybe from the Federal government. We may be voting a budget that we will have to revise afterwards.
  - C. Safety and Security Subcommittee – Discussed emergency shelter procedures.
  - D. Policy Subcommittee – The following policies were reviewed:
    - Policy JLCG (Restraint of Students in School) – DESE Physical Restrain form should be included with this policy.
    - Policy GBK (Staff Complaints and Grievances) – No changes.
    - Policy AC (Nondiscrimination) – Add the category of “homelessness” in the last sentence of the last paragraph under number 6.
    - Policy ACFA (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex) – No changes.
    - Policy ACE (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap) – No changes.
    - Policy GBEB (Staff Conduct) – No changes.
    - Policy ACAB (Harrassment) – No changes.
- On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to waive a second reading and approve these policies as shown above. (AYE: Unanimous)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. School Committee Representative to the Nashoba Valley Technical High School – Whitey Kish is resigning this position after serving for 42 years.
- B. Glenn Koocher will be invited by the School Committee to the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of School Committees at 6:30 for an open forum. The subject is public funding and school budgets.

## **INTERESTED CITIZENS**

- A. Cindy Heitmeyer of the LTO reiterated the information for their presentation to the public on March 5 and the presentation by William Seymour on April 2.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of contract negotiation strategy and legal issues, 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)