

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 18, 2008  
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Charlie Ellis  
Shawna Stea  
Mike Fontanella  
Nancy Mizzoni (8:34 p.m.)

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

**ABSENT:** Paul Avella

**CALL TO ORDER (7:30 PM)**

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.
- B. On a motion by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Shawna Stea, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda. (AYE: Unanimous)

**INTERESTED CITIZENS**

- A. Cindy Heitmeyer, Littleton Track Organization, spoke about the poor condition of the Track. She will give an informational presentation at the January 15, 2009 meeting.

**RECOGNITION**

- A. There will be a School Committee Appreciation Social January 29, 2009, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Sara Adams gave the High School update. Winter sports have started. Still accepting coats.
- B. Dr. Bemis gave a personnel update.
- C. State of Curriculum – Foreign Language. Carol Watson gave an update on the foreign

language curriculum. AP scores from last year were fantastic; 10% dual enrolled in two languages; study abroad programs; and Rosetta Stone used at Russell Street.

- D. Principal Search – Dr. Bemis gave an update. In the process of completing the Interview Committee. Shawna Stea appointed as School Committee Representative to the Committee.
- E. Civil Rights Policies – We have been notified that the civil rights audit is being postponed to a later date. Dianna Peterson to continue to go through the policies and make recommendations and will bring them forth at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- F. Circuit Breaker Report deferred till January 15, 2009.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. School Building Committee - Subcommittee formed for the design selection process. Proposal deadline is December 23, 2008. Meeting January 13 with MSBA.
- B. Budget Subcommittee – Scheduled to meet February 10 with FINCOM. Goal is to have preliminary budget done by 2/12; vote on 3/12. Public presentation on March 12. There will be another round of budget cuts from the State. It’s an extremely fluid situation at the State level, including Chapter 70 funding.
- C. The Safety and Security Subcommittee – Working on a series of dates in January. Want to have the principals at this meeting.
- D. Policy Subcommittee – First reading of Policy BHE, “Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members”.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. None

### **INTERESTED CITIZENS**

- A. None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. (AYE: Unanimous)