

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 15, 2009
7:30 PM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Marilyn Fedele
Steve Mark
Sara Adams

CALL TO ORDER (7:34 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 Consent Agenda. (Shawna Stea, AYE; Mike Fontanella, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; and Charlie Ellis, AYE; Paul Avella, Abstained)

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. The Littleton Track Organization made a presentation regarding putting in a new track at the Littleton High School. They need to start with a feasibility study. Paul Avella will Serve on the Committee and report progress at the next School Committee Meeting. Shawna Stea suggested that we put a placeholder on the Town Warrant.

RECOGNITION

- A. Donelan's was recognized and thanked for their generous donation of tissues, anti-bacterial wipes, and hand sanitizer to the elementary schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sara Adams gave the High School update. The boys hockey team, the boys and girls basketball teams are going well. The track teams are working very hard.
- B. Raina Martinec, former school committee student rep, attended the meeting. She stated that she was very well prepared for college and is currently in a five-year Master's

- Program in Education.
- C. Dr. Bemis gave a personnel update.
 - D. Cheryl Harrington gave an update on the science department's curriculum at both the Middle and High Schools.
 - E. Dianna Peterson provided an update on the Circuit Breaker.
 - F. Dianna Peterson reported on the civil rights policies and asked the Policy Subcommittee to review them. We should have a first reading for next school committee meeting.
 - G. Steve Mark presented a draft MOA Between School Committee and Food Service. It will be brought to the next meeting for signature.
 - H. An Open Forum is scheduled for January 22, 2009 at 6:30 PM regarding the 2009-2010 school calendar. The meeting is in the HS library seminar room. An electronic survey will then go out to parents.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. School Building Committee. Met with the MSBA to select designer for the feasibility study and anticipate being ready for the May Town Meeting.
- B. Budget Subcommittee – Continuing to discuss the budget. February 12th the preliminary budget will be presented to school committee and school committee to vote on the budget no later than March 12th. March 26th is the final budget presentation.
- C. The Safety and Security Subcommittee. The next meeting will be held on January 28th at 3:00 in the Superintendent's office.
- D. Policy Subcommittee – Second reading of Policy BHE, "Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members". There were no changes. Accepted the policy as read.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The new district website, Russell Street, Shaker Lane and High School websites have all been revamped. The Middle School will soon be completed.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Exemption No. 3 with no intention to return to Open Session, at 9:33 p.m. (Roll Call: Shawna Stea, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Mike Fontanella, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE; Charlie Ellis, AYE)