

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 12, 2009
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Charlie Ellis
Paul Avella
Mike Fontanella
Nancy Mizzoni (7:37 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Marilyn Fedele
Steve Mark
Sara Adams

ABSENT: Shawna Stea

CALL TO ORDER (7:33 PM)

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

RECOGNITION

- A. The girls basketball, boys basketball and ice hockey team captains were invited to personally receive recognition for making the state tournament. The indoor track team also had a great season. Mike Lynn also spoke about the track situation and the costs for repair. The School Committee wants to see all options and recommendations by the Athletic Director.
- B. John Harrington, the newly appointed High School Principal, was introduced. Also, Anthony LoPrete was thanked for his job serving as the Interim Principal at LHS.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. Cindy Heitmeyer, LTO, expressed concerns with the track repair.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sara Adams gave the High School update. The Relay for Life Kick-Off Meeting went well.
- B. Dr. Bemis presented a personnel update.
- C. Nelina Backman gave an update on the ELA Grades 6-12 Curriculum Update.

- D. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Mike Fontanella it was voted to increase the full day kindergarten rate by \$90 to \$4057 per year for full day kindergarten for next year. (AYE: Unanimous)
- E. Preliminary Budget has been presented to FINCOM, proposing a 4.8% increase over last year. Waiting on information from the State; holding the line on bus and athletic fees. We may have to vote a budget and have to amend later, due to changes from Beacon Hill. We will have to vote on the budget by March 12 with a presentation to the Town on March 26.
- F. On a motion by Nancy Mizzoni and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to accept the budget transfers as outlined. (AYE: Unanimous)
- G. Dr. Bemis made presentation on the results of the calendar survey.
- H. Mark Levine gave an update on the Grade 8 Washington Trip in March. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to approve the Grade 8 Washington trip. (AYE: Unanimous)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. School Building Committee. Feasibility team is starting the process. On March 12 at 6:30 p.m. there will be the first public meeting for the Russell Street building project. The second public meeting is April 9.
- B. Safety and Security Subcommittee – meeting scheduled for 2/25/09 in Dr. Bemis' office at 3:00 PM.
- C. Policy Subcommittee. First reading of the civil rights policies is postponed until next meeting on February 25.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Medicaid Funding to the Town. Steve Mark gave preliminary figures for anticipated reimbursement.
- B. Vacancy at NVTHS – District rep. Three-year term from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2012. Posted on the Town's web site and the School's web site.
- C. General PTA – Selling tickets to the Taste of Nashoba.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Mike Fontanella, it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:10 PM for the purpose of contract negotiation strategy (Exemption #3) with no intention to return to Open Session. (Roll Call: Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Mike Fontanella, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE; Charlie Ellis AYE).