

Minutes

PRESENT:

Ms. Betsy Bilodeau
Mr. Peter Fischelis
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald
Mr. Chad Koski
Ms. Jan McGinn
Mr. Jerry Wedge

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Brenda Finn, Superintendent
Mr. John Flaherty
Ms. Diana Rigby

ABSENT:

Ms. Rebecca Shannon

I CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The meeting returned to Open Session and was called to order by Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. McGinn at 6:45 p.m.

II READING OF THE MINUTES

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to approve the Executive Session minutes from the meeting held May 23, 2006. The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved. Ms. Shannon stated the start and end times had changed.

III CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Finn received correspondence from Daniel Sack regarding Street Lighting and new building projects. The memo was attached.

Dr. Finn received a letter from MSBA regarding the School Facilities Needs Survey. Willard is rated as a 4. MSBA is aware of this and updated copies indicating this will be printed.

Ms. McGinn received correspondence from Sherrie Mobley, Jack Mobley's wife. He has been a maintenance man for 35 years. She wrote about how he has been rebuilding his mother's home in New Orleans and his commitment to the town.

Ms. McGinn received correspondence from Tom Hourihan regarding compensation for teachers during the Thoreau move.

VI REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Presentation: China Trip

Mr. Unobskey stated the 7th graders who participated in the China exchange had a great opportunity to explore the world around them. There are other opportunities for students such as an exchange with a public school in Lowell. This gives students an opportunity to look outside themselves. Melissa Lang displayed a gift from the China middle school the students visited. A packet was distributed that included a questionnaire students filled out, a journal with focus questions students used throughout their trip and a draft of outcomes.

Ms. Lang stated that last fall the Chinese students were here, this year 12 students and 3 chaperones participated in sight-seeing and a home stay. This was a great age to take. She sees more to happen in the future. The possibilities are unlimited.

Shauna Tibbitt, 7th grade teacher, presented the journals which were included in the packet. She asked students to write about the highlight of their trip.

Katherine Stanley, 6th grade Social Studies teacher, stated students created a banner to give as a gift. Students also wrote pen pal letters from Concord. Some responses have begun to come back. There is a lottery for students to attend next year's trip. Ms. Stanley also stated the support of the trip was community wide. There were newspaper articles and an exhibit at the library.

Mr. Fischelis asked the students' most memorable experience. They answered living with families, the school, recess, experiencing a different culture.

Mr. Wedge asked if the amount of 12 students was a hard number. Ms. Lang stated there is talk of increasing the number to 14. That would mean 14 would come here too.

IV RECOGNITION

Dr. Finn stated that Mr. Dulong would like to recognize Henry Cataldo in having a photographic image used in a magazine. She recognized Pat Serr in receiving a National Scholastic Art Award. Dr. Finn also recognized Dave Prifti for having his artwork show at the EPA.

Court Booth recognized Louise Haldeman for her 6 years of service on the Adult and Community Education committee. Mr. Booth applauded her contribution.

Dr. Finn stated Mr. Colantuono would like to recognize the SAC and PTG and Gretchen Nelson for her work with the METCO program.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve School Committee meeting dates for 2006-07

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Fischelis and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to approve the School Committee meeting dates for 2006-2007. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to approve proposed Maintenance Contract

Kelly McClausland thanked Paul Antegelli for his leadership and extraordinary commitment to the town. She also thanked Ms. Bilodeau for her help in negotiating the contract. Ms. McClausland listed the points of the new contract.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to approve the Maintenance Workers Contract as proposed. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve bid award: Sanborn Asbestos Abatement Project

A MOTION was made by Mr. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to award the contract for the Sanborn Asbestos Abatement project to RM Technologies, Inc. of Lawrence, MA in the amount of \$30,000.

Mr. Wedge stated there was a big discrepancy between bids. Mr. Flaherty stated they use a consultant who acts as project manager. He expected bids to come in at about \$32,000. He will oversee the project. The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved.

D. Final Reading and Approval: Wellness Policy

Dr. Finn stated we are voting on the policy and not procedures.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to approve the Wellness Policy.

Mr. Wedge asked if the subcommittee reviewed the policy and recommended and approved. They stated they had.

The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved.

E. Vote to appoint School Committee Member to Wellness Committee

Dr. Finn stated Kathy Bowen looked at the DOE guidelines and there needs to be a School Committee member as a formal member. Ms. Shannon has been involved in the meetings.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to appoint Becky Shannon to the District Wellness Committee. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

F. First Reading: Student Health Services Policies

Kate Bells, CPS Nurse Chair, stated there were discrepancies. Most policies had to be rewritten. These follow DOH policies.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated this was a first reading, we will take formal action at our next meeting.

Mr. Wedge stated last year we approved the allergy policy. Dr. Finn stated this is the same series, other policies.

G. First Reading: MASC Policies

Dr. Finn stated she received MASC drafts, they are self explanatory. This is direct language from MASC.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated this is a first reading, we will take formal action at our next meeting.

H. First Reading: MASC Resolution for Adequate Funding

Mr. Fitzgerald stated this is a first meeting. Ms. Shannon is looking for support. School Committee members should go to Ms. Shannon with questions.

Dr. Finn asked if the School Committee would like resolution crafted so it is customized to our district.

I. Gift Acceptance – Grant awarded to Willard from Cambridge Savings Bank

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to accept an award in the amount of \$1,092 from the Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation to fund the Willard School's new literary magazine, The Beanstalk. The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved. The Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation was thanked for their donation.

J. Vote to support Court Booth's request for appointment to Adult and Community Education Advisory Committee

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to approve Eleanor Garvey, 25 Damon Street, Concord, be appointed to the Adult

and Community Education Advisory Committee for a three-year term commencing June 2006.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

VI REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

B. Reports from Subcommittees

Facilities

Mr. Wedge stated facility issues have been discussed at the School Committee level. There have been no facility sub committee meetings.

Dr. Finn stated there is a list of MSBA hearings. Mr. Wedge stated the district needs to present facility master plans for MSBA.

A discussion ensued regarding playing fields. Mr. Fischelis volunteered to be the point person in this area.

C. Precinct results of Concord Election

Dr. Finn attached this FYI.

C. Special Education Financial Update

Jessica Murphy, Director of Special Education, gave an update on the number of students enrolled in SPED for CPS and CCRSD. She feels the system is handling the SPED area very well, including adding new programs where appropriate.

D. MSBA draft guidelines

Some SC members will be attending the public hearings with dates outlined in the attached summary.

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VII OLD BUSINESS

Betsy Bilodeau asked that the School Committee draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen letting them know of concerns about the use of the Sanborn school parking lot as an entry to the proposed Rail Trail bike path that may run behind the Sanborn School. After brief discussion it was agreed that Brenda would draft such a letter.

VIII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

none

IX CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A citizen commented on the Rail Trail, saying that the project is moving forward very quickly.

A motion was made to move into executive session not to return to open session by Betsy Bilodeau for the RSC, seconded by Jerry Wedge, and by Betsy Bilodeau for CPS SC seconded by Jerry Wedge. Both motions passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 7/11/06