

IV. Policy Discussion:

A. Policy Review Sub-Committee.

Policy Section “J”:

Danielle Souza reported that the Policy Review Sub-Committee held a meeting last Monday and reviewed Policy Section “J”. She requested information via email from the School Administrators for updating sections of this policy section. She stated that after the responses are received, she will coordinate the changes with Kathleen Parmenter. She further stated that Kathleen Parmenter is processing the recommended changes for Policy Section “J” that was given to her at the last meeting of the Policy Review Sub-Committee. She further stated that the next meetings have been scheduled for January 26, 2010 and February 9, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.

Volunteer Policy:

Danielle Souza distributed a draft cover for the Volunteer Policy to the members of the School Committee (SEE ATTACHED). After a review and discussion, the School Committee approved the cover with Danielle doing some additional formatting to the document.

Policy Section “KF” – Use of Facilities:

Discussion was held pertaining to the use of school facilities (i.e. hallway areas) for sports sign-ups while there is another sport activity being held in the school facility. Danielle Souza asked if the fees could be waived for these “sign-up” activities. Concern was expressed by Brian Winslow that the sign-up group would pay no fee and the other non-profit group would pay the fee, which isn’t fair. Superintendent Beach stated that there may be sign-up people who are also spectators to the sports event in the school facility so who would take the responsibility should there be a problem in that building. In conclusion, the Policy Review Sub-Committee will meet to review this policy for inserting clarification such as:

- Youth sign-up session (or whatever other activity is determined –i.e. cancer walk fundraiser) in school facilities when school already utilized by another youth sports activity.
- charging a deposit for youth sign-up sessions (or whatever other activity is determined—i.e. cancer walk fundraiser) and refunding deposit if all is fine when event is completed.

Policy Section “KF-E” – Fee Schedule:

Discussion was held pertaining to having the Policy Review Sub-Committee review this Fee Schedule for clarification of the following:

- Audio-Visual hourly rate because \$150.00 per hour is a high charge.
- The use of the parking lot should be fee if a school facility is requested.
- Clarification of using more than one room on the same day – what fees would be charged.

Brian Winslow asked if Danielle Souza would be in a conflict of interest situation being on the School Committee and bringing forth the youth sign-up concern this evening. Danielle Souza stated that she has been volunteering for the Ware Youth Sports for several years now and has done the sign-up program for several years. Chairman Desjardins stated that a conflict of interest situation would be when a member of the School Committee had a financial interest in promoting something that the School Committee adopts. He stated that Danielle is a volunteer and is not paid for her work with the sports groups.

Danielle Souza stated that the Policy Review Sub-Committee will review Policy Section “K” and prepare a draft revision for the School Committee to review at its next meeting in February.

V. Reports/Updates:

A. Student Council Report.

In summary, Annie O’Brien presented the following report to the members of the School Committee:

- Today and Thursday are finals for the High School.
- Early release is Friday with Monday the new semester begins with the new classes.
- The Junior High School Jamboree is this Friday.
- The Grades 7 and 8 are holding their semi-formal dance this Friday.
- On Friday, the Performing Arts Class is performing the Curse of Frankenstein to the senior citizens at no charge.
- On Saturday, the Performing Arts Class is performing the Curse of Frankenstein to the general public at 6:30 P.M. at the cost of \$5.00 per person.
- The Winter Carnival is to be held the first week of February with Spirit week held during school and then games and competitions held on Saturday.
- The Super Bowl Banner was presented to the football players at their banquet on January 16th.

B. FY2010 Budget Update.

Andy Paquette presented the FY2010 Results of Operations as of December 31, 2009 to the members of the School Committee (SEE ATTACHED). During the review of this document, Andy reported that there is nothing unexpected as of now in the school operating budget. Chairman Desjardins asked Andy to provide the members of the School Committee with the annual gallon oil usage for last year through now for review. Superintendent Beach reported that the building temperature will be lowered by one degree to save fuel costs.

C. Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Beach didn't have a report to present this evening.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business.

There was no old/unfinished business for review this evening.

VII. New Business:

A. Change Category IV on Agenda to read Sub-Committee Updates-Discussion.

After a review and discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Danielle Souza to approve the category change to Agenda (as shown is the policy book) to read "Sub-Committee Updates-Discussion". All in favor.

VIII. Communications.

There were no communications this evening.

IX. Special Projects.

A. School Choice Sub-Committee Update.

Chairman Desjardins reported that the School Choice Sub-Committee received responses from East Hampton and North Brookfield for interest in joining the Ware School Committee for proposing changes to the School Choice Legislation. He distributed several documents for the School Committee to review pertaining to the School Choice Legislation. He asked the members of the School Committee to review the documents and forward comments to him for suggested changes. He further stated that he will propose a meeting be held with the other two communities so that communication can begin. He stated that the next meeting of the School Choice Sub-Committee is scheduled for January 26, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Ware

Junior-Senior High School Library. He will keep the School Committee updated regarding future developments pertaining to School Choice.

X. Other Business.

A. Schedule Future Meetings.

The following meetings were scheduled for the Ware School Committee to be held in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library:

- Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Brian Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

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