

V. Reports/Updates.

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

- The Winter Jamboree was very successful for the 7th and 8th grades. It was well organized and the staff and students had fun.
- The new semester begins on January 25, 2010
- The 10th grade Biology MCAS is being held on February 1st and 2nd.
- Justine King scored her thousandth point on January 21st against Commerce High School. Congratulations to Justine!!!
- This week is Spirit Week with the Winter Carnival being held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by a semi-formal dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- A karaoke contest is being held this Friday at the High School
- Driving school will be held during the February school vacation

B. Report from the Superintendent.

Superintendent Beach made reference to her February 3, 2010 Superintendent's Report. A copy of this report is attached to this meeting record (SEE ATTACHED).

Principal Marlene DiLeo reported that the Librarian at the SMK Elementary School has left. However, computer classes are being held in the library to support reading and mathematics skills. She stated that the students are enjoying the computer lab.

VII. New Business:

A. DESE Annual District Data Review Template.

Superintendent Beach further reported that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will be providing information on their website pertaining to the Annual District and School Data Review. She stated that this is similar to a report card for each school district and should be completed for placement on their website in the near future.

B. Request to Change Early Release Day (March 12th to March 19th).

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

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to change the Early Release Day on the 2009-2010 School Calendar from March 12th to March 19th. All in favor.

C. Ski Club Annual Trip Request.

Laurie Puliafico presented a request for a field trip pertaining to the Ski and Snowboarding Club. This is an annual weekend trip to Mt. Snow, Vermont from March 12-14, 2010. There will be at least one chaperone per 5 students. There are 37 students in the Ski and Snowboarding Club with an estimate of 20-30 students attending this trip. After a review and discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Christopher Desjardins that the Ware School Committee approves the Ski and Snowboarding Club's request for a trip to Mt. Snow, Vermont from March 12-14, 2010 as requested. All in favor.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion.

A. Policy Update.

Danielle Souza reported that Policy Section "J" will be finalized after a few more minor adjustments.

Cafeteria Policy and Procedures:

Danielle Souza presented information pertaining to a "draft" Cafeteria Policy and Procedures (SEE ATTACHED). She stated that this proposed policy was requested by the Food Services Director Jeff Nicholas due to some students falling behind in their breakfast/lunch payments and the cafeteria account is utilized to provide a meal for those students based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommendations. Dr. Beach reported that the meals that are absorbed from the cafeteria account funding are not reimbursable. She stated that Jeff Nicholas requested some guidelines to address this non payment by students. She further stated that the cafeteria personnel are good in contacting parents/guardians by phone and in writing when payments fall behind, but this additional work causes a burden on the staff. Danielle Souza stated that she will prepare another draft of this proposed policy for the next meeting of the School Committee.

Danielle Souza stated that the next meeting of the Policy Review Sub-Committee has been scheduled for February 9, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library. She hopes to have the Use of Facilities policy available for revision by the next meeting of the School Committee.

Danielle Souza stated that the 250th Town of Ware Anniversary Committee is formulating events for the celebration in the year 2011. She stated that there is a website available to review what is being planned. She suggested that the Ware School District sponsor an activity in honor of this 250th Anniversary celebration. She suggested perhaps a spelling bee. Superintendent Beach suggested that contact be made with the teachers for obtaining suggestions from the students.

Chairman Desjardins reported that Joanne Rys will take his place on the Policy Review Sub-Committee.

B. School Choice Update.

Chairman Desjardins reported that the School Choice Sub-Committee met two weeks ago. A meeting has been scheduled for February 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with our attorney, who will assist with interpreting the law and offer suggestions on how to proceed in changing the law. He further reported that representatives from the Easthampton School Committee will be available at the February 9th meeting to participate in the discussion.

C. Budget Sub-Committee Schedule of Meetings.

Chairman Desjardins reported that meetings will be held with Brian Winslow because Aaron Sawabi will not be available during the month of March, 2010. He stated that February 10, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. would be good for holding the next meeting. Superintendent Beach will verify this date and time after she speaks with Andy Paquette pertaining to his availability to attend.

VIII. Communications.

A. Resignation of School Committee Recording Secretary.

Chairman Desjardins made reference to a letter of resignation from the School Committee Recording Secretary Kathleen M. Parmenter effective April 5, 2010. In summary, he commended Kathleen for her 25 years of service to the present and past members of the Ware School Committee. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

IX. Other Business.

B. Schedule Future School Committee Meetings.

The following meetings of the Ware School Committee were scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, February 17, 2010.....Cancelled
- The following meetings were scheduled for 6:30 P.M. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.
- Wednesday, February 24, 2010
 - Wednesday, March 3, 2010
 - Wednesday, March 17, 2010
 - Wednesday, March 31, 2010 (to include the evaluation of Superintendent Beach) Chairman Desjardins requested to receive the individual School Committee member evaluations for Superintendent Beach so he can prepare her evaluation accordingly.

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

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