



## **VI. Old/Unfinished Business:**

### **A. Presentation of the Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence – Melissa Lindsay.**

Superintendent Beach presented Ware High School Senior Melissa Lindsay with the Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence. She stated that this award is made each year to the senior who has distinguished themselves during their high school years. She stated that the criteria for this award includes academic average, rank and personal selection by the Superintendent. In summary, Superintendent Beach reported that Melissa is very committed with achieving a 3.83 GPA, membership in the National Honor Society, and participation as a returning contestant on "As Schools Match Wits". In addition, she reported that Melissa served as Class Historian, Student Council Secretary, yearbook editor and a member of the Prom and Winter Carnival Committees. Furthermore, Dr. Beach stated that Melissa received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, the Bay Path Presidential Award and the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. Melissa has also volunteered 294 hours at Wing Memorial Hospital and plans to pursue a career as a diagnostic radiologist.

Melissa introduced her parents, Charles and Sermona Lindsay and thanked her parents, Dr. Beach, teachers and staff for the opportunities afforded to her.

The members of the School Committee congratulated Melissa and wished her well with her future endeavors.

## **III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.**

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

## **IV. Sub-Committee Discussion.**

There were no sub-committee reports presented this evening.

## **V. Reports/Updates.**

### **A. Report from Student Council Member.**

In summary, the following was reported:

- The Ware High School MCAS retests started on Monday.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance was held last Friday.

## **VII. New Business:**

### **A. International Club – Trip to Italy Update.**

International Club Advisor Maeve O'Brien updated the travel plans for the International Club's trip to Italy. She reported that 13 students and 4 chaperones will leave from the JFK Airport the morning of March 16<sup>th</sup> for nine days that will include an educational history and culture tour. She reported that it will be a great trip to which a lot will be seen. She stated that the International Club is looking at a possible trip to France or Spain for April, 2011 or 2012 depending upon fundraising events and interest of students.

## **V. Reports/Updates.**

### **B. Report from the Superintendent.**

In summary, Superintendent Beach reported the following:

- Twenty-two 4<sup>th</sup> graders have signed up with the middle school librarian to be members of the Lunch Buddy Book Club.
- The high school's drop out rate has shown a significant decline of 6.6%.
- The SMK is holding a family reading night tomorrow evening from 6-8.
- The annual community reading day was held yesterday and we appeared on channel 22 television. Special thanks were extended to Kathy Adams, Jan Yardley, Jayne Loehr, Carol King and all the readers.
- A Professional Development day is to be held next Wednesday with the teachers and staff participating in a number of venues throughout the Pioneer Valley. There is no school for students on this day.
- The SMK raised \$708.00 for Haiti through their bake sale and change jars, the WSMS raised \$125.00 wearing hats for Haiti and the Junior High raised over \$250.00 to date with various collections, a silhouette hand tree and t-shirt sales.
- The Superintendent's playground lighting project is in the process of being installed by Chris Dymon (this is the playground adjacent to the Superintendent's office).
- Congratulations to the girls' basketball team that made it to the division semi-finals and faced a tough loss to Lee last night.
- She noted the enrollment update since the February 24, 2010 meeting pertaining to students moving into State, students moving out of State and students going for their GED.

**NOTE:** Joanne Rys arrived during the Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Beach reported that the CORI check for the overnight ski trip has been done and all is in order.

**IV. Sub-Committee Discussion.**

**A. Policy Review Sub-Committee.**

There was no report presented this evening.

**B. Budget Sub-Committee.**

Christopher Desjardins reported that the next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee has been scheduled for April 6, 2010 at 7:30 A.M.

**C. Budget FY10 Update.**

**D. Revolving Accounts Update.**

Andy Paquette presented the FY10 Update and the Revolving Accounts Update to the members of the School Committee (SEE ATTACHED). He reported that the computer used to control the heating system district-wide is a concern that needs to be addressed due to its need to be replaced. He will keep the School Committee updated regarding costs received for this project.

**IX. Other Business:**

**A. Executive Session Under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.**

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Brian Winslow to move into executive session at 7:42 P.M. under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and to not return to open session at the conclusion of this executive session.

4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

C. Desjardins.....	yes	A. Sawabi.....	absent
B. Winslow.....	yes	D. Souza.....	yes
J. Rys.....	Yes		

**NOTE:** The meeting adjourned in executive session at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach  
Superintendent of Schools

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