

A. Minutes from Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Regular Session.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Brian Winslow to accept the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, March 3, 2010 Regular Business Meeting with corrections as noted to the School Committee Recording Secretary. 4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

B. Minutes from Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – Executive Session.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Brian Winslow to accept the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, March 3, 2010 Executive Session as written. 4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion:

A. Budget Sub-Committee.

There was no Budget Sub-Committee report presented this evening.

B. Policy Sub-Committee.

Danielle Souza reported that the Policy Sub-Committee met yesterday to discuss concerns expressed pertaining to the necessity of having police officers at school functions. She reported that the Administrators stated that police officer coverage at school functions needs to remain. Superintendent Beach also agreed that police officer coverage at school functions does make a difference in how people respond to rules and regulations (i.e. allowed parking areas).

Danielle Souza continued by stating that the Volunteer policy was revisited pertaining to having wording inserted to include “temporary and limited service employees”. She will amend the policy and forward it to Kathleen Parmenter for policy processing accordingly.

Joanne Rys stated that there has been some concern expressed by parents pertaining to the new waiver of Section 504 on the athletic form. In summary, Superintendent Beach reported that this authorization is limited in that if an IEP was for mathematics, the coach doesn’t need to know, but if the IEP is for a hearing problem, the coach would need to know.

Danielle Souza stated that the next meeting of the Policy Review Sub-Committee is to be held on March 30, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in the Ware Junior-High School Library. She stated that the Evaluation Form for the Superintendent will be addressed.

V. Reports/Updates:

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

- Three member of the Student Council attended the Student Council Conference in Hyannis, MA to learn leadership skills.
- The NHS introduction and ceremony dinner is this Thursday with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- The baseball and softball tryouts were held this week.
- The MCAS English Language Arts (ELA) for grades 7, 8 and 10 are to be held on March 23, 24 and 25, 2010. There will be a delayed start at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for grades 9, 11 and 12.
- Over 40 students signed up for the anti-bullying group with the first meeting to be held on Tuesday.

B. Report from the Superintendent.

In summary, Superintendent Beach reported the following:

- She extended a HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY to everyone.
- The Class of 2010 held a breakfast this past Sunday with good food and good company.
- MCAS begins Tuesday in ELA for grades 3 through 8 and grade 10. Bus transportation is being donated again by First Student for delayed opening at WJSHS. She reminds and encourages families to ensure that the students get plenty of sleep, good nutritious meals and do the best to keep family life calm at home. She stated that research indicates that all of these things have an impact on test performance. She stated that a hot breakfast will be served each morning.
- The budget will be even tighter next year. There are several fundraisers over the next couple of months to benefit school sites and the campus as a whole.
- Enrollment update since the last meeting:

Male	Grade 2	Moved out of town
Male	Grade 7	Moved out of town
Female	Grade 9	Moved out of town
Female	Grade 11	Moved out of town

VI. Old/Unfinished Business.

There was no Old/Unfinished Business this evening.

VII. New Business.

A. Special Education PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Update.

Special Education Director Mary Birks and PAC Member Marilyn Niquette presented the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual Report to the School Committee dated March 17, 2010 (SEE ATTACHED). A review of this report was made. The School Committee thanked Mary and Marilyn for their presentation this evening.

B. 2010-2011 School Year Calendar.

A review of the proposed 2010-2011 School Year Calendar was held (SEE ATTACHED). Suggested changes were to have the school days in bold lettering, to include the phone numbers for each school, to include the school website information and the bus company name and telephone number. After review, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Christopher Desjardins that the Ware School Committee approves the 2010-2011 School Year Calendar with changes as suggested this evening. 4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

C. Request to Eliminate the Extra Bus.

Chairman Desjardins stated that the extra bus was added because of daycare and now the bus company has stopped running the extra bus because one of the daycare facilities has lost students and the extra bus is not needed. Superintendent Beach stated that the money saved returns to the Town of Ware. She further stated that the extra bus hasn't operated in eleven days. Brian Winslow stated that the School Committee signs the warrant for a dollar amount billed by the bus company and he doesn't see where credits were given for when the bus wasn't utilized. He prefers to see a credit notation on the invoice (similar to that of the bread vendor) rather than a "no charge". He further stated that he understands that there have been a double up on buses for a week or more. Superintendent Beach stated that she will check on double bus runs, but she understands that there have been bus driver illnesses. Brian Winslow stated that with a large bus company as this, they could obtain drivers from other communities. Chairman Desjardins agreed to have the invoices reflect a credit. Superintendent Beach stated that she will check on the double busing, but the Principals haven't reported that buses are not arriving on time. She will check on whether we can penalize the bus company for double busing. She asked that parents contact the school when they have bus concerns so we can contact the bus company.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Christopher Desjardins that the Ware School Committee eliminates the extra bus that was previously authorized due to the bus not operating at this time. 4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

D. Final Year Option on Bus Contract.

Chairman Desjardins stated that there are 2 one year options and this would be for the 2010-2011 school year. He stated that Andy Paquette recommended that the School Committee accept this final year option. He further stated that Andy Paquette will be researching other school districts to see if they would do joint district bus contracts to obtain a savings. During discussion, it was determined that the COLA hasn't been determined so it is unknown what this final year option would cost the School District. After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Danielle Souza to table this agenda item until the next meeting of March 31, 2010. 4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

Chairman Desjardins requested the members of the School Committee to receive a copy of the Bus Transportation Contract for the next School Committee meeting.

VIII. Communications.

There were no communications this evening.

IX. Other Business.

A. Executive Session Under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Danielle Souza to move into executive session at 7:24 P.M. under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification Number 3 for 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 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman
