

WARE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010

PLACE: Ware Junior-Senior High School Library

PRESENT: Christopher Desjardins; Aaron Sawabi; Brian Winslow;
Danielle Souza; Joanne Rys

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach;
Kathleen M. Parmenter-School Committee Recording Secretary;
Annie O'Brian-Student Advisory Council Representative to the
School Committee; Andy Paquette; Lucille Brindisi;
Marlene DiLeo; Robert Warren; Melissa Fales, reporter-
Ware River News; Kara Brown; Richard Norton;
Mary Birks; Charlene Desjardins; Bill Hill

Chairman Desjardins called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

A Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted at this point of the meeting.

NOTE: This meeting has been videotaped and is on file in the
Superintendent's Office. This is a written summary of the action taken
at this meeting.

NOTE: Documents referenced with (SEE ATTACHED) are on file in the
Superintendent's Office in a file folder marked with the date of this
meeting.

I. Approval of Warrants and Payroll.

A. Warrants and Payroll for March 27, 2010.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Joann Rys to accept the warrants and
payroll for March 27, 2010 as submitted. All in favor.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes from Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – Regular Meeting.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting
minutes from the Wednesday, March 17, 2010 regular business meeting as written.
All in favor.

B. Minutes from Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – Executive Session.

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, March 17, 2010 executive session meeting with corrections as noted to the School Committee Recording Secretary. All in favor.

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion:

A. Policy Review Sub-Committee Update.

Danielle Souza reported that the Policy Review Sub-Committee members (D. Souza and J. Rys) met with Dr. Beach and Principal Brindisi to discuss a tardy and absentee policy. She reported that the School Committee will be provided with updated information as it develops. She stated that the evaluation form for the Superintendent of Schools was also reviewed. Again, she stated, updated information will be provided as it develops. She stated that the next meetings of the Policy Review Sub-Committee were scheduled for April 13, 2010 and April 27, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.

Chairman Desjardins reported that Kathleen Parmenter is processing the final updates to the Ware School District's Policy Book. He stated that this process is scheduled for completion next week.

V. Reports/Updates.

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Annie O'Brien reported the following:

- The 8th grade Student Council sponsored a Haiti fundraiser for the Crudem Foundation with \$2,200 raised during this very organized and successful event.
- March 18, 2010 was the NHS induction for many students.
- On Saturday, March 13, 2010 the senior class held a breakfast at the local K of C building.
- The Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010. Tickets are on sale at the High School and Dulak's Garage.
- Junior Prom tickets are now on sale.

B. FY'10 Budget Update.

Andy Paquette distributed and reviewed with the members of the School Committee the March 15, 2010 Results of Operations dated March 25, 2010 (SEE ATTACHED).

C. Report from the Superintendent.

In summary, Superintendent Beach reported the following:

- The MCAS (ELA) testing has been completed and the Math MCAS will begin on May 11, 2010.
- Report cards will go home on April 14th with all students.
- Mr. Vantangoli's 8th grade class has castles on display in the High School Library. This accompanies a Medieval History Unit.
- The Grinspoon's "Excellence in Teaching Award" recipients are Kathy Adams – SMK, Steve Alaownis – WMS and Heather Orszulak – WHS.
- Kindergarten registration will be held April 7th and 8th.
- Jeannie Bender and Dan Doyle did a Professional Development follow up writers' workshop for SMK and WJSHS teachers.
- The WMS Leadership Council is holding a "Bulb" sale with proceeds going toward the beautification of the WMS grounds. This event ends April 7th.
- The WMS drama plays will be held throughout April.
- The "Birds of Prey" will be held on April 15th and is sponsored by the PTO.
- Enrollment update since the March 17, 2010 meeting:
2 male 6th grade students moved out of town.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business:

A. Final Year Option on Bus Contract.

In summary, discussion was held pertaining to the one year option to extend the bus transportation contract with First Student. Concern was expressed by Brian Winslow that until the bus company was pressured to address the non use of the extra bus and the double runs did they reimburse the town. He felt that there may have been other credits we didn't receive. Chairman Desjardins didn't believe the company has deceived the town. Andy Paquette reported that he has started to obtain information for the next contract should the School Committee decide to pursue a contract for bus transportation with another school district. He further stated that First Student has no safety issues, the operations representatives were responsive to his questions and the increase for 2010-2011 would be 2% in his determination. After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi that the Ware School Committee accepts the one year bus transportation contract extension with First Student. 4 members approved, 1 member (A. Sawabi) absent. Motion Carries.

Chairman Desjardins stated that we should continue to obtain information for a joint bus contract with another school district. He stated that we should keep the Board of Selectmen updated regarding this process just in case they are the entity that would sign the contract given that it would be a contract between two communities.

VII. New Business:

A. Superintendent's Evaluation.

Chairman Desjardins distributed to the members of the School Committee a copy of Superintendent Beach's evaluation for 2009-2010 (SEE ATTACHED). He read this document in its entirety. A new signature sheet will be prepared accordingly.

B. Rotary Club Fee Waiver for Use of Facilities.

After discussion regarding this request, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Joanne Rys that the Ware School Committee grants a Use of Facilities (School Parking Lot) fee to the Ware Rotary Club for a clothing drive to benefit scholarships for the graduating class (this waiver doesn't include the security deposit nor the application fee). All in favor.

C. Retirement of School Committee Recording Secretary.

Chairman Desjardins reported that a reception was held prior to the meeting this evening for Kathleen Parmenter to acknowledge her 25 years as the School Committee Recording Secretary. Her actual 25 year date is April 5th. On behalf of the School Committee, he thanked her for her outstanding service to the School District.

VIII. Communications.

There were no communications this evening.

IX. Other Business.

A. Schedule Future Meetings.

The following meetings were scheduled to be held at 6:30 P.M. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library:

- Wednesday, April 14, 2010
- Wednesday, April 28, 2010

B. Executive Session Under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to move into executive session at 8:06 P.M. under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and to not return to open session at the conclusion of this executive session. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOTE: The meeting adjourned in executive session at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman

