



**B. Minutes from Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – Executive Session.**

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, April 14, 2010 executive session meeting as amended. 4 members approved, 1 member (Chris Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

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

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

**IV. Sub-Committee Update:**

**A. Policy Update.**

Danielle Souza reported the committee is working on changes to policy KFAB regarding service animals, definition of and what documentation administration will need for identification of a service animal. A draft will be sent to our attorney, changes will be made, and then a review and discussion will be held pertaining to changes to this policy.

Joanne Rys reported that each service animal must have identification, identifying the animal as a service animal. Brian Winslow asked about some animals that are needed for medical reasons which may not fall under the term service animals. Dr. Beach answered that they are still considered a service animal, the district will just need paperwork from a physician. Dr. Beach asked the committee to consider having Ware be a training site. Brian Winslow added that some amount of training for the service animal may be needed so the animal can get familiar with the campus. Dr. Beach mentioned that you have to think about who would train the animal, maybe not the person who is attached to the animal, she recommends having a consistent policy for every event on campus.

Danielle Souza also reported that the committee is looking at our bullying policy. Principal Brindisi commented that there is new bullying language coming out and once available she will bring back to the subcommittee.

The next meetings of the Policy Review Sub-Committee are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library on the following dates:

- May 11, 2010
- May 25, 2010

**B. FY2011 Budget.**

The budget subcommittee met April 27, 2010 Aaron Sawabi reported changes from the last meeting in which we had a deficit of about \$90,000. Since the last meeting adjustments in the House Ways and Means Budget aka the Charter Sheet took place additionally, adjustments in ARRA and the Medicaid Position allowed us to reinstate raises and balance the budget. This year we reinstated an assistant principal, added FTE special education teacher and half time to the preschool. Aaron Sawabi then read the FY2011 Budget line by line.

Chris Desjardins arrived 6:57 P.M.

Brian Winslow asked about the increases on page 11 special educational salaries and travel, why the increase of \$22,500 in travel? Andy Paquette answered that the LEAP program has expanded which has required more in-town trips for students, the J&J contract approved last year factored in a 2% increase for FY11, and a fuel adjustment clause in the Van Pool contract all added to the increase. Also, Mr. Winslow asked about salary increase. Dr. Beach answered we added a position about a month ago, also added a combined preschool position. Andy Paquette added that the increase is also due to moving along the salary scale 3%.

Aaron Sawabi asked Andy Paquette about the text book other on page 5 is a negative \$15,000, Andy said yes this is off the local budget appropriation we are taking the \$15,000 from a grant funding source.

Brian Winslow asked on page 15 about the WHS custodial salary increase, did we add somebody? Andy Paquette said no, we estimated overtime for opening and closing the building, the increase is in WHS line because overtime primarily occurs here, also personnel shifted, and again the base increase for moving along from step to step. Brian Winslow asked if it costs more to open the high school. Dr. Beach, answered no we just open and close the WHS more frequently. Chris Desjardins noticed that the water was not in here, Andy Paquette answered it is on the indirect cost side.

Brian Winslow asked on page 18 is the \$498,161 in transportation regular a firm number? Andy Paquette explained that it is a conservative estimate, but we are going to purchase fuel next year and fuel is going up.

MOTION by Chris Desjardins and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the FY11 School Operating Budget. All in favor. Motion carries.

### **C. FY2010 Budget.**

Danielle Souza asked about having no school choice revenue, Andy Paquette said that we do just has not been posted yet. We have received two payments in the amount of around \$80,000.

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

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

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

- Student Council will be attending MASC Spring Conference tomorrow, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Anti-bullying group met with Ms. Brindisi Tuesday after school.
- International Club traveled to Italy over April vacation, great weather, students learned and experienced a lot. A lot of fun!
- April 30<sup>th</sup> - Jr. Masquerade Ball from 6-9 PM at the town hall.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Walk of Champions will be held at the Quabbin.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - P.T.S.S.A. parents providing annual teacher appreciation week; Door Day for seniors and School Council meeting at 8:30 AM.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Hall of fame Induction Ceremony.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Freshman fundraiser, Face Painting at Grenville Park.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Science MCAS.

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

- Baseball team won today by one run.
- May is math MCAS month.
- Parking lot full tonight – MCAS math night being held at WMS.
- MCAS questions will be posted outside on the marquee will change daily.
- The MCAS Study Island Tutoring Center has opened, priority seating for students who have not scored proficient on the MCAS at WJSHS and is grant funded.
- WHS has received a scholarship in the name of Jacqueline LaPerle Lavallee who passed away recently and was a long standing community member of Ware.
- Welcome back from International Club, Joanne Rys reported that students traveled through Italy, including Venice, Sicily and Rome. She is glad to see that the International Club has returned to WHS after 20 years. She will send pictures in to post on the website. The club is going to Paris, France next year.
- The Teacher of Excellence Grinspoon Dinner is tomorrow evening at the Log Cabin. Recipients are: SMK – Kathy Adams; WMS – Steven Alaownis and WHS – Heather Orszulak.
- Jr.PTSSA is having Masquerade Ball Friday evening at the Ware Town Hall, masks are required.
- Our warrant article in the amount of \$75,000 for Medicaid reimbursement was approved at a joint meeting of the Selectmen/Financial Committee meeting on Tuesday night and will be on the warrant in the affirmative.
- Baseball, softball and volleyball will all be taking place tomorrow.
- Our second annual campus wide tag sale and recycling day will take place May 22, 2010 from 9:00-1:00 P.M. We take anything with a plug. The tag sale items are donated by WPS campus staff; we will not accept clothing, shoes etc. The first \$1,000 will go toward agendas books for student's

grades 3-6 then remaining toward technology licenses. Pick-ups for senior citizens for appliances and other big ticket items will take place the day before, to arrange call the superintendents office. Dr. Beach sent email to staff that if you do not have anything to donate to the tag sale then bring a friend and buy something.

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

There was no old/unfinished business this evening.

## **VII. New Business:**

### **A. Wrestling Coop**

Mr. Slattery and Mr. Bernier Co-Athletic Directors discussed the proposed wrestling coop with Palmer and Pathfinder and explained the necessary steps for approval. In summary, the coop will not cost WJSHS any money except for equipment and a \$20 fee to add this sport to our existing list of offerings, this \$20 will be part of dues for next year. Mr. Slattery and Mr. Bernier also mentioned that Palmer is in need of swimmers, we have some younger swimmers that already swim with the Strippers. This arrangement could be a home run. Palmer has a \$150 user fee. Our students will have to pay \$150 to swim and additionally will cost the school other \$20 fee to add this sport to our list. This would total \$40 in user fees for the school for both wrestling and swimming. Palmer has also asked Pathfinder. These would be winter sports, currently have only basketball to offer students. Danielle Souza asked if insurance costs be the same. We will have to make sure but think it will be the same. Brian Winslow asked would Palmer charge us any fees to use their facilities, Mr. Slattery does not think so but will look into it. Mr. Slattery also stated that students would need their own transportation. Chris Desjardins wants to check with attorney about leaving school and driving to Palmer if there are any liability issues? Mr. Slattery stated that when Quaboag drove here for football they had to sign a waiver. Chris mentioned that we have a policy about kids carpooling to athletic events. Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> because the meeting of the athletic directors group takes place.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to accept wrestling and swimming coop with Palmer and Pathfinder contingent upon what legal says. All in favor. Motion Carries.

### **B. Student Transition Report from Principals**

Marlene DiLeo reported that SMK's transition plan will begin at the end of this week; Mrs. Boyce will work in tandem with Mr. Abete in transitioning our structured learning center students to the middle school and this will be ongoing. On May 12<sup>th</sup> the 4th grade team of teachers will begin attending the third grade level meetings to discuss students moving to 4<sup>th</sup> grade; on May 20<sup>th</sup> our kindergarten orientation will welcome in the class of 2023 as they meet their new teachers; on May 28<sup>th</sup> the third grade

students will visit the middle school in the morning and on June 1<sup>st</sup> will have Mrs. Hill introduce Ms. Jock.

Mr. Warren reported April 30<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Boyce will be working with Mr. Abete on transitioning students; on May 5<sup>th</sup> step up night for parents from 6-7 P.M.; May 12<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will meet with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers also on the 28<sup>th</sup> will host incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders; on June 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Jock will meet incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the middle school, and in the afternoon at the WJSHS introduce 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Mr. Griffin. On June 11<sup>th</sup> the middle school is planning a special day for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to give them a sense of bonding and closure and to say goodbye to them, day begins with a pizza lunch in the courtyard and then be escorted to the WJSHS for a presentation by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before school starts Mr. and Mrs. Warren will host an open house for 4<sup>th</sup> graders to give the students an opportunity to explore the school.

Chris asked if students from other schools coming into the district may participate in step up day. Dr. Beach answered yes those that we know of will be invited.

Lucille Brindisi reported that the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have a pizza party on June 11<sup>th</sup> then a chance to meet with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students, then a tour of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade wing. An open house on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 P.M. for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders takes place, will be combined with spring concert and art show. The Jr. PTSSA is doing a recognition ceremony for all types of achievements for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be a step up dance where the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are inviting the 6<sup>th</sup> graders on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Last day of school for students is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Copies of all the transition activities are posted on the Ware Public Schools website: <http://www.warepublicschools.com/districtCalendar.asp>

## **VIII. Communications.**

There were no communications this evening.

## **IX. Other Business.**

Dr. Beach reported that she, Lucille Brindisi and Attorney Dupre met with the Boosters the hour before this meeting to get some clarity; there are some adjustments in the Boosters bylaws and their memberships being made. There is a separation between the school, school committee and Boosters, these changes will result in some paper changes.

Schedule of future meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library on the following dates:

- May 17, 2010
- June 9, 2010
- June 21, 2010

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

C. Desjardins.....yes  
B. Winslow.....yes  
J. Rys.....yes

A. Sawabi.....yes  
D. Souza.....yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach  
Superintendent of Schools

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