

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion

A. Service Animal Policy – Tabled from April 27, 2011

Danielle Souza was absent tonight subsequently; the Service Animal Policy will be tabled.

V. Reports/Updates

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

SMK

- The Plant Sale that was conducted during last week's tag sale yielded \$545.79.
- We hosted to a number of teachers and assistant principal from Old Mill Pond School in Palmer to view our "Walk to Read" model for first grade. Earlier this year, Sutton Public Schools visited with the same focus of experiencing our "Walk To" models.

WMS

- MCAS testing begins at the middle school on May 17th and 18th for all grades. Grade 5 will be testing in Science on May 20th and May 23rd. We would once again, like to express the importance of being on time for school and getting a good night's rest. Breakfast will be served to students on testing days.
- On May 19th, the middle school will be holding a "Step-Up" night for parents of incoming 4th graders. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the administration and teachers of grade 4, ask questions and view the classrooms. This will take place from 6:30-7:30 PM.
- District Pops Concert will take place on Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 PM.

WJSHS

- Today and tomorrow Grade 8 students will be taking the Science MCAS.
- Math MCAS will be next Tuesday and Wednesday for grades 7, 8 and 10. There will be a delayed start for grades 9, 11 and 12. These students should arrive at 10:45 AM.
- The AP Biology test was held Monday at 8:00 AM and the AP English Language exam was held today at 8:00 AM.
- Prom will be next Friday, May 20th. The promenade will be at 4:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. Prom tickets are still on sale see Mr. Rich, cost is \$60.
- Student Council is attending the Spring Conference, Friday in Greenfield. The bus leaves at 6:45 AM. Fourteen students from the 6th grade WMS Leadership Council; two students from both the 7th and 8th grade

Leadership Council and twenty-two members from the High School Student Council will be attending.

- A Spring Concert will take place on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 PM.
- A Cheerleading Clinic will take place Saturday from 9:00-2:00 PM.
- The PTSSA group held a wonderful luncheon for the teachers last Wednesday in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day.
- Door Day was once again a great success, 33 students participated, and 19 doors were decorated.

B. Report from the Superintendent

In summary, the superintendent reported that Ms. Brindisi and Dr. DiLeo would give reports on following:

- We received the final report on the Coordinated Program Review (CPR) we had last October. We had six findings. One in Special Education regarding documentation; one in Civil Rights regarding a perceived limited access issue for ELL students. The remainder in ELL, one because we haven't complete the ELL curriculum; one regarding the amount of service; and one related to the number of teachers trained in the four category areas. We have 22 ELL students. Five years ago we didn't have an instructor. The CPR six years ago had 53 findings, we are please with the improvement.
- The review for Title I is wrapping up. We expect a single finding when the final report arrives regarding the distribution of the NCLB report card.
- We have had two weeks of successful fundraising. The golf tournament raised about \$3,000 for athletics. SMK's PTO truck day raised approximately \$1,200. Last Saturday's tag sale raised \$700 and the recycling \$1,300, allowing us to purchase a new mimeo (white board) for the high school and agenda books for WMS. We're still selling raffle tickets in our Copies for Kids paper drive, and are looking into sponsoring a weekly Flea Market on Saturday mornings over the summer to supplement supplies.
- Math MCAS will begin next week on May 17th and 18th for grades 3-10.
- The bus bid will be out on June 19, 2011.
- Negotiations with the teachers began last Monday and we will be meeting with all four negotiation teams on May 18th.
- The Virtual Global Academy (VGA) exploratory committee met last Thursday at Belchertown High School. Ms. Rys will give the update. Ms. Rys reported that the committee discussed how to proceed with their rather aggressive schedule. We met with superintendents from East Hampton, Granby, Belchertown and Dr. Beach, we broke out into three different groups: Governance, Waivers and Curriculum to discuss options available to us. Dr. Nathan who is also on the committee added that the subcommittee will try for waivers on how we conduct MCAS, the 25% rule on enrollment and the third component a physical education waiver.
- Dr. DiLeo reported that her transition plan includes: May 19th - Step-Up Night, WMS at 6:30 PM for students and parents; June 8th - Small groups of Grade 3 students will take a tour of the WMS with Ms. Jock; June 10th - Groups of students that may need a little extra assistance in transitioning

will have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Jock at SMK for a question and answer period; June 13th - Step-Up Day, all Grade 3 students will receive a guided tour of the middle school, meet administration, teachers, and staff then have a question and answer period in the cafeteria. TBA - SMK PTO will reward Grade 3 students with an ice cream party and a t-shirt to for friends to sign.

- Mr. Warren reported that his step-up plans include: May 19th - Step-Up Night, WMS at 6:30 PM for current Grade 3 students and parents; June 13th - Grade 6 Step-Up Day, combined with farewell activities, students are treated to a special luncheon and program, then escorted to the WJSHS where the class of 2017 is formally presented to Ms. Brindisi, upon returning to WMS students receive t-shirts and read "Thank You's" to teachers; June 13th - Students at WMS that are not transitioning between buildings only grades will have the opportunity to meet next year's teachers and tour the classrooms; On-going - Small groups of Grade 6 students that may need extra help in transitioning to the junior high school will visit the building with Ms. Jock and meet Mr. Griffin.
- Ms. Brindisi reported that her step-up plans include: June 7th – Grade 8 will have an assembly and meeting with some high school teachers and Ms. Perry explaining what credits are, expectations and have a tour; June 8th – Open-house for incoming Grade 7 students teachers will be here to let parents and students know what being in 7th grade is like, visit classrooms and go over expectations; June 13th – Incoming Grade 7 students will visit, they will meet junior high school teachers, adjustment counselor, guidance counselor and some other students to find out what goes on in the building. They will then return to the middle school for a ceremony, words of wisdom and “Thank You’s”; TBA – Step-Up Dance for current Grade 6, 7 and 8 students. For our special needs students they will meet with Mr. Griffin and Ms. Jock. We will arrange a time for high school special education teachers to meet with middle school special education teachers so they can share relevant student information.
- Dr. DiLeo was appointed new principal of WJSHS she had a meet and greet this Monday which went well.
- Finally, the superintendent wants to thank everyone who voted in support of the school district warrant articles at town meeting on Monday.

Chris Desjardins questioned the bus bid going out on June 19th? Dr. Beach answered the June 19th date is the award date, the bid is out now. In her report she meant to say open not out.

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old/unfinished business tonight.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011-2012 School Year Calendar – Vote

Chris Desjardins just a few minor changes to the calendar, he would like to see an outline around the August 29, 2011 and the June 18, 2012 dates to indicate the first and last day of school for students, also why do we have a different color box before September 1, 2011 and lastly, on the events side for April we list April 4th, jump to April 11th and then back down to April 6th we should list in chronologically order. Mr. Desjardins asked if January 02, 2012 is shaded as we have it off, is this because January 01, 2012 lands on a Sunday this year and there is no school? Dr. Beach said yes. Dr. Beach added there may be some adjustments to the calendar based on the contract negotiations.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to accept the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar as amended. 3 members approved. 2 members (D. Souza and Brian Winslow) absent. Motion Carries.

B. Superintendent's Evaluation

Chris Desjardins stated that every committee member has a copy of the Superintendent's Evaluation he will read the expectations and then the average score. He began by reading the standards, a rating of 1 – Exceptional; 2 - Satisfactory; 3 - Needs Improvement; and 4 – Unsatisfactory. He then read the expectations and gave all the average ratings for each, also reading individual committee member's comments. There were no questions once the evaluation was reviewed, Dr. Beach thanked the committee for their feedback and also encouraged any member to give her a sense about Responsibility #3 Personnel Management, because all of the job descriptions are up to date and well defined and posted on the website.

VIII. Communications

There were no communications tonight.

IX. Special Projects

There were no special projects tonight.

X. Other Business.

A. Executive Session (Under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 30A, Section 21, Qualification No. 3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining.

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to move into Executive Session (Under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification No. 3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation at 7:15 PM. All in favor. Motion Carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOTE: The meeting adjourned in executive session at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman

