



Brian Winslow mentioned there have been some comments made and he has received phone calls about a clause that was inadvertently taken out of the bus bid, he asked if we could address this, at this time. First to speak, Mr. Ross Kiely, Representative to UFCW LOCAL 1459 and First Student asked about the omission of recognition of the service that the existing bus drivers have given to the Ware Public Schools, normally what we would ask the School Committee to consider reinstating the Right of First Refusal to these existing drivers. He explained, that some big companies give jobs to the current bus drivers but these jobs may not be working for the Ware Public Schools. Andy Paquette said looking back at his notes from the meetings where we went through the specifications that section was outdated and therefore omitted. He will submit an addendum to the bid if the School Committee wants the section back in, there is still time. Aaron Sawabi asked if this section was in the previous contract, yes it was. Brian Winslow looking back at his notes we discussed taking out the bereavement and everything else down but would leave in First Refusal to existing drivers. Aaron Sawabi asked if this was done in open meeting, Andy Paquette explained that yes this took place during the course of two meetings and we went through section by section looking for input from the committee, he then asked if the committee wants the language back in. Brian Winslow, Danielle Souza and Joanne Rys agreed to put the language back in.

Motion by Danielle Souza and not seconded to reinstate the omitted section. Danielle Souza rescinded the motion to allow for further discussion.

Again, Mr. Kiely spoke offering the language to read, "The drivers would have the Right of First Refusal to continue employment within the Ware Public School District." Andy Paquette then added, we are walking a fine line in vendors writing specifications, the school committee writing specifications and is suggesting the committee make a formal motion and specify exactly how the language is to read. Dr. Beach reiterated that vendors should not be writing specifications. Aaron Sawabi agreed, and asked Mr. Kiely if there was anything else. Mr. Kiely clarified that Local 1459 is a collective bargaining unit for the drivers and not a vendor.

Motion by Danielle Souza and seconded by Brian Winslow to reinstate the language "All current drivers must have a First Right of Refusal option for employment". 4 members approved. 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

Motion by Danielle Souza and seconded Joanne Rys to add in the language, "Compensation package that is comparable to the current collective bargaining agreement between UFCW Local 1459 and First Student." 3 members approved. 1 member (B. Winslow) no. 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

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

There was nothing to report tonight.

## **V. Reports/Updates**

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

In summary, Marc Martinez reported the following:

#### SMK

- MCAS testing is completed and will be shipped off tomorrow. Two happy students walked away with new bicycles and helmets in addition to a number of students who were given balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk through a daily MCAS raffle.
- Mrs. Malin's and Mrs. Conners' third grade classrooms met with their Monson Pen Pals yesterday.
- End of the year assessments continue with DIBELS and GRADE. Grade 1 and 2 teachers took part in 2 days of Math Professional Development with Dr. Susan Looney and will continue next month.
- Spring Open House will take place tomorrow evening. Parents will have the opportunity to meet next year's grade level teachers as the teachers will share with parents what to expect for the 2012 School Year.

#### WMS

- MCAS testing has concluded at the middle school. Students are to be commended for doing a great job.
- June is going to be very busy with field trips and field days, along with several exciting end of the year activities.
- Fourth Grade Parent Open House took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. Mr. Warren welcomed parents and students and reminded them of additional transition programs to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jordan gave an overview of changes for next year as we adopt and adapt the Walk to Read and Walk to Math programs. Ms. Jock spoke about the student support services. Mrs. Hill was available representing the PTO as well as two representatives from Scantic YMCA.

#### WJSHS

- Last Friday was the Junior/Senior Prom, everyone had a great time.
- This Friday, the Junior High Leadership Council is sponsoring a themed activity, "Dress for Your Career Day".
- Last Friday, Ms. Moren and Ms. Briggs-Lefferts classes held a Poetry Tea where students read their original poetry.
- Fire safety assemblies on Monday for junior high; and high school Friday
- This Friday night, the Performing Arts class will perform, "For Heaven's Sake", at 6:00 PM in the WJSHS auditorium.
- Senior Exams this week.
- Senior Activities begin next Tuesday with rehearsal in the morning and Senior Awards Ceremony in the evenings, culminating with graduation on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.
- Math MCAS is finished. Biology MCAS testing on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Pops Concert tomorrow night 6:00 PM in the middle school courtyard.
- Jr. PTSSA sponsored a Lock-In event last Friday.
- Junior High School last Thursday, great performances.

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

In summary, the superintendent reported on following:

- Reminder for people we have another week and half for our raffle for the \$500 certificate to Bob's Furniture. All proceeds go to Copies for Kids which is our copy paper fundraiser.
- The Promenade had a 126 students participate, more then twice we have ever had, and will start being aired this Friday or Saturday on our local channel.

Mr. Winslow complimented Mr. Rich for a job well done organizing the prom.

### **C. Report for the April 30, 2011 Results of Operations**

In summary, Andy Paquette reported on following:

We are still projected to have funds available to us to use in Fiscal Year 2012. The projected "deficit" – minimum net school spending \$256,959, funding sources: 1. State Fiscal Stabilization \$43,271; 2. Edujobs Grant \$114,410; 3. Use of Facilities \$14,271; and 4. School Choice \$641,781. Total Funding Sources: \$813,733. This leaves a projected balance for use in fiscal year 2012 of \$556,774 of School Choice. This is approximately \$43,000 additional in the budget, which will need to be used for increased tuition costs.

## **VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Signing of the Superintendent's Evaluation has taken place and Dr. Beach would like discuss her new contract at an upcoming meeting.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. School Choice Program for 2011-2012 School Year – Approval and Acceptance of Students on a Space Available Basis**

Dr. Beach explained this is an annual vote to accept students for choice for School Year 2011-2012 on a space available basis, grades 1-12 no kindergarten. Brian Winslow asked Dr. Beach if we had a lot of space available, she answered some but not in kindergarten. He also asked if it would pay to advertise the spaces, she mentioned we have advertised in the past and not sure that brought any students in.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to approve and accept students on a space available basis for the school choice program for 2011-2012. 4 members approved. 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

## **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 Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Danielle Souza 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 7:03 PM. All in favor. Motion Carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**NOTE:** The meeting adjourned in executive session at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach  
Superintendent of Schools

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