

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion

There was nothing to report tonight.

V. Reports/Updates

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

SMK

- Grade 3 "Moving Up Celebration" took place today. All third graders received t-shirts and an ice cream social as they moved around the cafeteria signing each others shirts.
- Field day will be tomorrow, Thursday June 9th.
- All grade 3 students will walk down and visit WMS on Monday, June 13th.
- The final end of year DiLeo Dragon ice cream and cookie party will take place on Wednesday, June 15th.

WMS

- Purchased three more picnic tables for the school court yard.
- Collected about 100 lbs. of can tabs to be donated to the Shriner's Hospital.
- We will be ending the middle school store on Friday for this year.
- Recycling will come to an end soon.
- The middle school is holding a spring concert tomorrow in the WJSHS auditorium at 7:00 PM, hosting the event is Mrs. Nichols.
- Tonight current grade 6 students and their parents are having an open house in the WJSHS.

WJSHS

- Biology MCAS took place June 1st and 2nd.
- Graduation was Saturday and went beautifully. The Class of 2011 was great and will be missed. The band was phenomenal.
- Last, Friday was the National Jr. Honor Society Induction. The society continues to grow with 34 members.
- Last, night was the Jr.PTSSA Honors Ceremony. Many 7th and 8th graders were recognized for their academic excellence and community service.
- Tonight is Open House for upcoming 7th graders at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.
- The Girl's Softball Team is in the tournament. They received a #3 seed and a first round bi. They beat Pathfinder on Sunday, and have a game tomorrow against Mt. Everett at Elms.

- The performing arts class presented “For Heaven’s Sake’, many attended and it was a very funny show.
- Laws of Life on Friday at 9:00 AM.
- Yesterday, Ms. Perry organized a high school orientation program for the current 8th graders.
- High school finals begin Monday morning.
- The spring athletic banquet is the 15th.

B. Report from School Councils

In summary, Mr. O’Regan reported that what the high school has been primarily working on is the School Improvement Plan (S.I.P.) of which each committee member has a copy of. The council is mainly interested in bringing forward the new technology students and teachers are facing, both in terms of training and evaluation, for example, educating students on the dangers of social media. The council made changes to address the evolving curriculum, making sure that our current curriculum is aligned with the new state frameworks. This is his last year on the council and he believes that Dr. Beach coming to the district and bringing on Ms. Brindisi has turned our school around in a very dramatic, positive way.

In summary, Mrs. Senecal reported that much like the high school, the middle school has also been working on the S.I.P. The council made changes based on meetings with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (D.E.S.E.) and survey’s with staff. The changes include: Updating the bullying plan, time for teachers to meet to analyze the assessment data GRADE, GMADE, DIBELS, Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (M.C.A.S.) to improve instructional strategies and to continue using technology such as Study Island which is a web based application that students can access for home to build on their ELA and math skills, Spelling City and Quizlet. Next year, we will continue to use Bath Boost a 20 minute tutorial session that teachers can use to increase student’s math concepts, and we will be implementing grade by grade restructuring using Walk to Read and Walk to Math models.

In summary, Ms. Elizabeth Nichols reported that SMK spent the majority of their time this year, making improvements to the S.I.P. beginning with enhancing parent communication by implementing a school wide initiative next year, with all teachers sending home a welcome letter at the start of the school year. Next year, we would like to start using the Post It System to update homework and spelling words that parents can access from home. We want to make sure that all students understand what a Code White Protocol is. We will continue to use Second Step; Responsive Classroom; Fire Safety Joe program; the Character Counts Bulletin; and the School Store Bingo a student reward program. New this year, we held a “Joe the Biker” presentation to teach students some strategies for preventing bullying. We will look at our Walk to Math and Walk to Read for grades 1-2 currently; we have only in grade 3. Lastly, in the fall we will continue with the district wide math professional development with Dr. Susan Looney and her consultants, we will look at using the math assessments we have been shown.

C. Report from the Superintendent

In summary, the superintendent reported on following:

- Graduation was last week and was outstanding. The Graduation and Promenade can now be viewed on our local channel.
- Next, Friday is the last day of school and is a 1/2 day for students, no lunches will be served.
- The Summer Feeding Program will run from June 27-August 5. All children ages 1-18 are entitled to a free breakfast and lunch. Breakfast is served 8:00-9:00 and lunch from 11:30-12:30 in the SMK cafeteria and will be closed July 4th.
- Specialized summer program for selected students on individual educational plans will run Monday through Thursday, June 27th-July 28th except for July 4th.
- SMK teamed up with Jeff Nicholas to hold a Spaghetti Supper fundraiser to benefit our neighbors in Monson.
- The "Copies for Kids" fundraiser for a Bob's Furniture gift card raised \$1655 which will buy 100 cases of paper. Kara Rys drew the winner ticket on air, and the winner, David Poulin. Also, for people that sold 20 tickets they were entered into a drawing to win \$100 and that winner Tammy Letendre.
- The next meeting we will be inviting our retirees Kathy Adams; Lucille Brindisi; Carole King; Barbara Martowski; Joanne Rohan; Pat Shea; and Joann Skowrya to a reception at 6:15 in the WJSHS library.

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no old/unfinished business tonight.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. School Improvement Plans (S.I.P.s) - Vote

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the Ware Junior/Senior High School Improvement Plan (S.I.P.) for school year 2011-2012. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and Joanne Rys) absent. Motion Carries.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to approve the Ware Middle School Improvement Plan (S.I.P.) for school year 2011-2012. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and Joanne Rys) absent. Motion Carries.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School Improvement Plan (S.I.P.) for school year 2011-2012. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and Joanne Rys) absent. Motion Carries.

Danielle Souza asked when the School Committee will present our goals, in the fall.

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 7:06 PM. All in favor. Motion Carries.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOTE: The meeting adjourned in executive session at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman
