

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting minutes from the Monday, May 17, 2010 regular business meeting as submitted. 4 members approved, 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

C. Minutes from Monday, May 17, 2010 – Executive Session.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Danielle Souza to approve the meeting minutes from the Monday, May 17, 2010 executive session as submitted. 4 members approved, 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion:

A. Policy Update.

Danielle Souza reported the subcommittee missed our last scheduled meeting, due to some scheduling issues, even so she submitted a copy of the proposed updated bullying policy which was sent in by Mr. Rogers, Assistant Principal WJSHS. This policy is more detailed in defining bullying and is much more in line with the state. Aaron Sawabi asked if this is going to be a first reading of the updated Bullying Policy or do we need to approve tonight. Dr. Beach mentioned that this document has just been given to administration; they need time to offer feedback. Aaron Sawabi asked the committee to take a few minutes to just quickly review and see if there are any questions. This policy does include cyber bullying. Aaron Sawabi also wanted to know where these concepts came from. Danielle Souza answered that administration attended a workshop on bullying. Dr. Beach added that this document is a combined effort between our administration, other districts and our lawyers. Brian Winslow asked if this new/updated bullying policy will match up with our discipline matrix. Danielle Souza mentioned at the next policy subcommittee meeting we will be looking at the student handbook including the discipline matrix to make sure the two are aligned. Mr. Rogers was going to attend the last subcommittee meeting but the meeting was cancelled; we will invite him to the next meeting. Danielle added that Mr. Rogers did a great job.

B. Upcoming Policy Subcommittee Meetings as Follows:

- June 15, 2010, 5:00 P.M. in the WJSHS library
- June 29, 2010, 5:00 P.M. in the WJSHS library

V. Reports/Updates.

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

- This week is Senior Week, activities included a senior breakfast, banquet awards, and a class trip, all very successful events and the seniors had a lot fun.
- June 5th is graduation.
- Girls Softball Tournament Game at Elms College, 3:30 P.M. tomorrow 6/10/10
- Baseball game was rescheduled until tomorrow in Greenfield at 7:00 P.M. *Good Luck to Both Teams!
- June 6th – Orientation takes place for upcoming 9th graders.
- Ninth grade schedules are all done and being sent out.
- Elections for new members and class officers for next year will be held this Friday. Elections for 8th grade students will be held in the fall.
- Last night open house for upcoming 7th graders took place. Teachers, parents, students and guidance were all invited to attend the concert and art show. The high school is growing as well as the art program with Mr. Pearson and Ms. Grant.
- Student Council held the “Parent Appreciation Dinner” on May 26th in the WJSHS cafeteria, about 40 people attended the potluck dinner.

B. Report from Superintendent.

- 7th and 8th grade awards ceremony will be held tomorrow night at 6:00 P.M. here in the WJSHS.
- We seem to have some rescheduling of events going for example, the preschool family picnic is now on Monday. Please look at the website for updates.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business.

There was no old/unfinished business this evening.

VII. New Business:

A. International Club Trip for 2011 – Mauve O’Brien.

Maeve O’Brien is looking for approval for another international trip next year during April vacation 2011 to Paris, France and London, England and the committee should have a packet explaining giving the details (SEE ATTACHED). Aaron Sawabi asked other than the location are things the same as last year and if there are still spots available for chaperons. She answered the trip is basically the same other than the location, the club will again be using EFT tours. If we can raise enough money we would like to take the bus again to JFK. Joanne Rys asked if the students will miss any days. Ms. O’Brien answered we do not know yet, maybe just a day like last year

right now, and that we have 14 kids signed up and the trip is only for grades 9-12. The last international trip to Italy was a huge success, the weather was beautiful. Dr. Beach asked about a ball park cost. Maeve O'Brien around \$2,400, without fundraising. Maeve further stated that most of the fundraising helps out with gratuity. What is the cost for the adult? Mauve answered \$2,700. Danielle Souza asked if more kids sign up can we save more money. Yes. Brian Winslow asked if we will purchase insurance for the trip. Yes, insurance is mandatory this year.

Motion by Joanne Rys and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the International Club's 2011 trip to Paris, France and London, England with EFT Tours with Mauve O'Brien and Joe O'Malley as the directors. 4 members approved, 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

B. Change the Last Day of School Date - Vote.

Dr. Beach reported that last Thursday, we had to call off school due to a storm so we have to make up that day. If a day is missed past June 1 you do not have to make it up. She added, we have enough hours for the school year but not enough school days, we need 180 days. Currently, we are scheduled to have a ½ day on Friday for students with teachers coming in on Monday for a full day per their contract. Since the last day has now changed, I am proposing that students come in on Monday for a ½ day and have the teachers stay the full day on Monday, then they do not have to come in on Tuesday and this is only if they are finished with all things they need to get done by the end of the year.

Motion by Joanne Rys and seconded by Danielle Souza to approve changing the last day of school for this current year to Monday, June 21, 2010 a ½ day. 4 members approved, 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

Dr. Beach repeated that the last day of school is now, Monday the 21st and is a ½ day and that Friday, the 18th is a ½ day as well. No lunches will be served Friday the 18th or Monday the 21st.

C. School Choice Program for 2010-2011 School Year – Approval and Acceptance of Students on a Space Available Basis.

Dr. Beach reported that we do have many kids coming in to the district which is a nice shift for us, Danielle Souza asked do we know how many and what grades are full. We won't really know until the end of the year because people tend to do their moving and transferring right at the end of the year. We make every effort to accommodate students that want to come into the district. We have families that have already called that are moving out of Ware and want to choice their kids in. We could fill up in certain grades. If you have space open in third grade for example, you can not pick and choose which kids unless they have been expelled from their previous school. Kindergarten is pretty full we have requests for early enrollment, the committee may want to look at next year the age requirements for

kindergarten and first grade because currently you have to be 5 by September 1st to enter kindergarten but for first grade you have to be 6 by December 1st.

Motion by Danielle Souza and seconded by Joanne Rys to approve and accept acceptance for students on a space available basis for school choice. 4 members approved, 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

D. Approval of Budget Transfer

Dr. Beach asked the committee to approve a budget transfer at the WMS in the amount of \$200 in general supplies to move to health services supplies. Brian Winslow asked if there was a reason we are purchasing health supplies so late in the year, Dr. Beach said yes because they will still be good next year and we use EPI pens more this time of year.

Motion by Danielle Souza and seconded by Joanne Rys to accept moving from general supplies to health services supplies in the amount of \$200. 4 members approved, 1 member (C. Desjardins) absent. Motion Carries.

Lastly, Dr. Beach mentioned that the dentist will be doing screenings at the elementary school on Wednesdays. There is a portable chair in the nurse's office, we will have data on how many students are served and referred.

VIII. Communications.

There were no communications this evening.

IX. Other Business.

Dr. Beach stated in your packet you have a resignation of a 7th grade math teacher and that the position is posted. Danielle Souza asked about having a French program next year, Dr. Beach answered yes a part time program we are still looking for more money. Aaron Sawabi asked what is the process of notifying student's if there are changes in their schedules, Dr. Beach answered they will know when school starts. The younger students will have their homeroom assignments going home in their report cards we will not be posting on the windows or doors.

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Brian Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman
