

currently is leaning towards implementing a student athletic fee. He wants to discourage allowing a student to enroll in a spring sport and have free entrance to the fall sport games only to find out that the student withdraws from participating in the spring sports season. Michael Robidoux stated that the sports fee is currently at \$75.00 per sport. He reported that there perhaps may be stimulus funds available for athletic user fees that would be able to help parents in these economic times. Chairman Desjardins requested that Michael Robidoux consult with Terry Moriarty to review and determine methods to make the game ticket costs fair to everyone. Michael Robidoux will obtain the information requested and present it to Superintendent Beach for presentation to the members of the School Committee.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. Minutes from the Wednesday, August 5, 2009 Regular Session.**
- B. Minutes from the Wednesday, August 5, 2009 Executive Session.**

These agenda items were tabled until the next meeting

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

IV. Policy Discussion:

Kara Brown reported that the meeting wasn't held last evening because the Ware Young Men's Library was closed. However, she stated that the Policy Review Sub-Committee members have been reviewing the Graduation Requirements policy information provided by Principal Brindisi along with beginning the review of Policy Section "J". She stated that the Administrators have been asked to provide their comments for Policy Section "J" for review by the Policy Review Sub-Committee members. The next meeting of the Policy Review Sub-Committee was scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the Ware Young Men's Library.

V. Reports/Updates:

- A. Superintendent's Report.**
 - 1. Introduction of the New Assistant Principal at the Ware Junior-Senior High School – Cory Rogers.**

Lucille Brindisi introduced Cory Rogers to the members of the School Committee. The School Committee welcomed Cory to the Ware School District.

Lucille Brindisi stated that an electronic suggestion box should be on the school's Website by the end of the week. She further stated that a virtual tour will also be placed soon on the school's website and that Janey Day and Mike Brown would like to know what the School Committee would like to see on that updated school website. After discussion, it was suggested that perhaps a power point presentation

with the Building Principal narrating would be good to do with photo's to include the school cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, library, front door and the school grounds. It was further suggested that the Police Chief be consulted prior to having this placed onto the website so as to protect the security of the school campus.

Lucille Brindisi continued by stating that the school orientation day with teachers and staff is to begin on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. She made reference to the orientation agenda for August 26th and 27th.

Lucille Brindisi reported that the Course Selection Guide has been revised and is located on the School's website under the Guidance or High School page.

The schedule for the school building inspections by the School Committee will be made later this evening.

B. Budget Update FY2010.

Andy Paquette made reference to his August 12, 2009 memorandum containing the July 31, 2009 Results of Operations (SEE ATTACHED). There were no comments made this evening pertaining to this report.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business:

A. School Committee Goals for 2009-2010 – Continued.

Chairman Desjardins presented the revised School Committee Goals for 2009-2010 as determined from discussion held at the last meeting (SEE ATTACHED). It was the consensus of the members to have Goal #1 and Goal #5 combined into one goal. Chairman Desjardins will prepare that revision for the next meeting of the School Committee. During discussion, it was firmly noted that School Choice is a priority of the Ware School Committee. It was determined that the Policy Review Sub-Committee will prepare a "mapping" of the procedure for when students select School Choice or are dropping out of school. It was felt that the forms and signage in all schools need to be in a presentable and unified form.

With regards to School Choice, Chairman Desjardins reported that Selectman John Desmond wants to have a joint letter between the Selectmen and the School Committee prepared to document the areas of School Choice that are just not working for the local community. He stated that the Selectmen would prepare the correspondence and the School Committee would co-sign. He stated that the Selectmen will also seek support from other communities. It was the consensus of the School Committee to the preparation of this joint correspondence pertaining to School Choice.

IX. Other Business:

A. Schedule Future Meetings.

The following meetings of the Ware School Committee were scheduled for 6:30 P.M. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library:

- Wednesday, September 2, 2009
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009
- Wednesday, September 30, 2009

VII. New Business:

A. Schedule School Site Visits.

The following schedule was made for the school building site visits:

- Ware JSHS on September 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
- Ware Middle School and SMK on August 25, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

The Building Principals, Chris Dymon and Bill Alderman will be asked to attend these school visits.

C. Graduation Requirements.

Reference was made to Policy File IKF pertaining to the Graduation Requirements along with a proposed change as presented this evening by Principal Brindisi (SEE ATTACHED). After a review of these proposed graduation requirement changes, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi that the Ware School Committee amend Policy File IKF pertaining to the Graduation Requirements by removing Items "1" and "2" and inserting the proposed graduation requirements chart as submitted this evening (SEE ATTACHED). In addition, Item "3" of Policy File IKF becomes "1" etc. The other parts of Policy File IKF can be revised at a later time after the Guidance Department reviews it. All in favor.

Kathleen Parmenter will prepare a "revised" Policy File IKF for appropriate processing to the website and policy books.

D. Grading Policy Discussion.

Reference and discussion was made to the current grading policy of the Ware School District. It was the consensus of the members of the School Committee to obtain a report of the student's who dropped out of school and where their grading was at the time of their dropping out. In addition, the School Committee wants to view the reasons why the teachers felt that a change in the grading policy was needed. Principal Brindisi will obtain the information requested and present it to Superintendent Beach and Kara Brown for presentation to the School Committee.

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

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