

WARE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010

PLACE: Ware Junior-Senior High School Library

PRESENT: Christopher Desjardins; Aaron Sawabi; Brian Winslow; Danielle Souza; Joanne Rys

ABSENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach; T. Janey Loehr-School Committee Recording Secretary; Lucille Brindisi; Andy Paquette; Charlene Desjardins

Chris Desjardins called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

A Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted at this point of the meeting.

NOTE: This meeting has been videotaped and is on file in the Superintendent's Office. This is a written summary of the action taken at this meeting.

NOTE: Documents referenced with (SEE ATTACHED) are on file in the Superintendent's Office in a file folder marked with the date of this meeting.

I. Approval of Warrants and Payroll.

A. Warrants and Payroll for August 14, 2010.

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Joanne Rys to accept the warrants and payroll for July 17, 2010 as submitted. 5 members approved. All in favor.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. Minutes from Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – Regular Meeting.

MOTION by Danielle Souza and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to approve the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, August 4, 2010 regular business meeting as submitted. 5 members approved. All in favor.

B. Minutes from Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – Executive Session.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, August 4, 2010 executive business meeting as submitted. 5 members approved. All in favor.

C. Minutes from Wednesday, August 12, 2010 – Regular Meeting.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, August 12, 2010 regular business meeting as submitted. 5 members approved. All in favor.

D. Minutes from Wednesday, August 12, 2010 – Executive Session.

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Brian Winslow to approve the meeting minutes from the Wednesday, August 12, 2010 executive business meeting as submitted. 5 members approved. All in favor.

III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.

No comments and concerns of citizens at this time.

IV. Sub-Committee Discussion:

A. Policy Sub-Committee Update.

Danielle Souza reported the sub-committee had policy GBAA Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Students file because names of the Title IX Coordinators are no longer correct. Dr. Beach recommended we change the wording to say Superintendent's Designee so that we do not have to continually update the file.

Motion by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Joanne Rys to except changes to policy GBAA Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Students to read, Title IX Coordinators for the Ware School District are Superintendent's Designee.

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 7, 2010 at 5:30 PM in the WJSHS library
- September 21, 2010 at 5:30 PM in the WJSHS library

V. Reports/Updates.

A. Report from Superintendent

- Kindergarten bus orientation took place today, thank you to Mr. Winslow for attending.
- Today was also staff orientation, thank you to Charlene Desjardins for delivering Chris Desjardins message to staff and thank you to

Joanne Rys for attending our staff professional development with Attorney Dupere.

- Sunday, August 29, 2010 from 1:30-3:30 PM, Mr. and Mrs. Warren will be hosting a Comfort Zone for all incoming fourth grade students and also new middle school students entering the district for the first time.
- All of our positions are filled.
- The Race to the Top Funding was announced today and Massachusetts was one nine states and will receive 250 million.
- Next week's school committee meeting Mr. Warren and Ms. DiLeo will be here. Ms. DiLeo will be introducing Lianne Werlein new Assistant Principal at SMK. A reminder that we will also be doing the walk-through inspections at SMK and WMS.
- Ms. Brindisi named the new faculty members: Mr. Case high school math; Mr. Ameen CAD and Mr. Easton paraprofessional. She also reported that the high school will continue with AP English, newly added AP Biology and HCC English is offered first semester. There are new walls in the 7th and 8th wing, thank you to Jr.PTTSA for paying for the materials and Mike Robidoux for the work. She is waiting for approval for coop wrestling with Pathfinder and coop swimming with Palmer. Driving school was a success this year and plans to do it again next year. On September 9 and 10, Cynthia Doyle from the DA's office will speak to 7th and 8th graders regarding bullying and cyber bullying and on September 9 WJSHS auditorium 6:30-8:00 PM there is a workshop on bullying for parents and guardians, a MARC presentation.

B. FY10 Regular Education Fuel Adjustment Reconciliation

Andy Paquette reported that attached is the fiscal year 2010 fuel adjustment reconciliation as per the contract specifications for our regular education transportation. (SEE ATTACHED). The attached chart gives the breakdown. Andy Paquette recommends we keep purchasing the fuel.

Dr. Beach reported that looking at the bus schedules we have been able to cut a run at the high school but had to add a bus for the SMK and WMS resulting in zero savings. Brian Winslow asked if we had a copy of each driver's license, a current CORI and the make and model for each of the vehicles. Dr. Beach answered all but one, the extra bus #13 coming in from Marlboro.

Chris Desjardins then asked about the banners around Veteran's Field if the bills have been sent out. Dr. Beach said they will be out before Monday. Dr. Beach asked the committee about the banner she purchased out of her own pocket for congratulating Ware on it's 250th Anniversary, she would like that banner to stay up another year without paying, the school committee members said yes.

C. June 30, 2010 Results of Operations (FINAL) and FY11 Implications

Andy Paquette reported that there is one transfer for the school committee to approve to close out the books. (SEE ATTACHED).

Motion by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Joanne Rys to transfer the total of \$9,792.61 to the enumerated accounts in deficit from account number #359 (Programs with Other Than Public Schools). 5 members approved. Motion Carries.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business.

A. Student Enrollment Numbers for 2009-2010

Dr. Beach gave enrollment number for last October 1, 2009 and yesterday's enrollment numbers. They are as follows for October 1, 2009: SMK 495; WMS 308 and WJSHS 505. This year as August 24, 2010 as follows: SMK 463; WMS 312 and WJSHS 498, kindergarten class has 101 students enrolled as of close of business yesterday.

B. May Consideration be given to School Choice Applicant's with Siblings Already Attending our Schools?

Under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 76, 12B (j) states any sibling of a student already enrolled in the receiving district shall receive priority for admission. Chris Desjardins asked over who a school choice student? Dr. Beach mentioned that that is part of the discussion when talking about kindergarten and first grade.

C. Kindergarten and First Grade Entry dates/age for Surrounding Area

A list was given to committee members from Dr. Beach (SEE ATTACHED) with all the district entry ages for kindergarten and first grade for all the districts in the state and all the states in the union. Brian Winslow asked if we are required by law to accept the under age student over a school choice student. Dr. Beach said that she is looking for guidance from the committee when making this type of decision, if the school committee's priority is school choice, and then the school choice student would be given priority.

D. Follow up on Bus Numbers and any Savings

Dr. Beach has given the First Student Bus Company the addresses of all the students. We can cut a high school run but need to add a run for SMK and WMS, zero savings.

E. Rental Agreement between Ware Public Schools and Valley Human Services

A copy of the agreement was included in the school committee member's packets (SEE ATTACHED). The members reviewed then signed the agreement.

VII. New Business:

Ms. Brindisi passed around a copy of the high schools academic eligibility requirements in athletics, she would like to amend the current 1.75 GPA with no more than 1 F, to include those students who get all C-'s with no F's which mathematically ends up being a 1.72 GPA making them not eligible. Chris Desjardins asked about MIAA regulations, she answered most districts do not have a GPA requirement just need to pass. Brian Winslow asked about raising the levels on an F and if we amend the requirements are we lowering the bar academically. Ms. Brindisi will bring back information to the next meeting on how many students were affected by this GPA requirement.

Motion by Brian Winslow and seconded by Danielle Souza to table amending the academic requirements or athletics to the next meeting. All in favor. Motion Carries.

VIII. Communications

There is no communications this evening.

IX. Special Projects:

A. School Choice

There is no school choice update this evening.

X. Other Business.

MOTION by Chris Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOTE: The meeting adjourned in executive session at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman
