



**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 October 10, 2009.**

MOTION by Kara Brown and seconded by Brian Winslow to accept the warrants and payroll for October 10, 2009. All in favor.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

**A. Minutes for Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – Regular Business Meeting.**

There were no meeting minutes for review this evening.

**III. Comments and Concerns of Citizens.**

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening

**IV. Policy Discussion:**

**A. Policy Review Sub-Committee Update.**

Kara Brown reported that there was no quorum at the last scheduled meeting so there was no meeting held. However, she stated that there is a "revision" for review pertaining to the Special Education Release of Information pertaining to Policy File: IHBAE-E (SEE ATTACHED). After a review of this proposed revision, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Kara Brown that the Ware School Committee approves Policy File: IHBAE-E pertaining to the Special Education Release of Information with corrections made this evening. All in favor.

Kara Brown made reference to a proposed revision for the Ware Junior/Senior High School Student Parking Form (SEE ATTACHED). After a review of this proposed Revision, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Kara Brown that the Ware School Committee approves the Ware Junior/Senior High School Student Parking Form with corrections made this evening. All in favor.

Kara Brown reported that the Ware School District's policy pertaining to cell phones doesn't have wording to prohibit the use of cell phones on school busses. She said that the information pertaining to cell phones not being used on school busses is

located inside the Student Handbook. She stated that the School District's policy book and the Student Handbook should reflect the same wording for consistency. After a review and discussion of the use of cell phones on school buses, it was determined that public input would be requested at the School Committee meeting of October 21, 2009 prior to making any decisions pertaining to the use of cell phones on school buses.

**V. Reports/Updates:**

**A. Student Council Report.**

There was no Student Council Report this evening.

**B. Superintendent's Report.**

At this point of the meeting Superintendent Beach invited Stanley Chiukaj to explain the new service available at the Ware Community Television Channel 15. Stanley explained that the new service is a streaming video for School Committee meetings, Selectmen meetings and football games. He demonstrated how this works for selecting the meeting or game you want to view. The School Committee thanked Stanley for his efforts for enhancing the services of Channel 15.

Superintendent Beach reported that the Ware School District's website has a link to the Springfield Republican and the Ware River News. She reported that open houses thus far went well and that field trips taken were well-received by the students. She will obtain the money raised thus far for the banner installations at Veterans Field.

**VI. Old/Unfinished Business.**

There was no old/unfinished business reviewed this evening.

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Substitute Nurse Reimbursement.**

Superintendent Beach reported that the Healthy Families Grant paid substitute nurses the amount of \$125.00 per day. She stated that this grant has expired and the last rate adopted by the School Committee is \$75.00 per day. She stated that she recommends increasing the \$75.00 per day to \$125.00 per day so that the individual paid previously the sum of \$125.00 per day would still be paid the sum of \$125.00 per day and not \$75.00 per day. After discussion of this request, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Kara Brown that the Ware School Committee authorizes the payment of \$125.00 per day for substitute nurses. All in favor.

## **VIII. Communications.**

There were no communications noted this evening.

## **IX. Special Projects.**

### **A. School Choice.**

Chairman Desjardins reported that he sent an email to the members of the School Committee pertaining to School Choice so as to obtain ideas for reversing the trend of students leaving our School District. Superintendent Beach stated that she would present an update to the members of the School Committee pertaining to the number of students who have transferred and/or selected school choice since her last report. Kara Brown stated that consistency and accountability are key issues that need to be looked at because they are the cause for parents looking upon our School District in a negative way. For example, in the spring the teachers explain what is to happen in the fall of the next school year and then in the fall it isn't as it was explained in the spring. She stated that parents review with their children those expectations as noted in the spring and then those expectations are not the same in the fall. She further stated that the transition from one school to another is also an issue for parents (i.e. discipline policy changes). Superintendent Beach stated that transition is a challenge between schools and between grades with some of the transition being that of curriculum. She believes that a plan could be developed to ease those particular transitions.

Recess was held at 8:25 P.M. (for a tape change)  
Return to session at 8:32 P.M.

Discussion continued pertaining to School Choice. It was determined that contact would be made with other School Districts to prepare a Legislative Bill for changing the current School Choice law. It is hoped that this would show more power with more school district participants.

After a suggestion by Aaron Sawabi, Superintendent Beach stated that she would express that the Ware School District would like to host a regional college fair.

**IX. Other Business:**

**A. Executive Session Under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B, Qualification No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.**

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to move into executive session at 8:52 P.M. and to not return to open session at the conclusion of this executive session. All in favor.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

C. Desjardins.....	yes	A. Sawabi.....	yes
B. Winslow.....	yes	K. Brown.....	yes
D. Souza.....	yes		

**NOTE:** The meeting adjourned in executive session at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach  
Superintendent of Schools

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