

IV. Policy Discussion:

A. Policy Review Sub-Committee Update.

There was no policy information presented this evening.

Chairman Desjardins announced that Kara Brown has submitted her resignation from the School Committee effective November 24, 2009.

B. Sub-Committee Appointments.

Chairman Desjardins stated that the Sub-Committee's that Kara Brown participated need to be filled. In summary, the following was noted:

- Policy Review Sub-Committee – Chairman Desjardins will become the second member with Danielle Souza as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
- Safety Sub-Committee – appointment to this Sub-Committee will occur after the new member is selected.
- Curriculum Sub-Committee – Aaron Sawabi volunteered to be a member of this Sub-Committee.

V. Reports/Updates:

A. Student Council Report.

Kara Rys reported the following:

- Junior PTTSA sponsored its 2nd Annual Little Elves with a babysitting held on Friday, December 4th from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria. In addition, the Ware Junior-Senior High School Cheerleaders held gift wrapping in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.
 - The Annual Craft Fair is to be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9 to 3 in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Gymnasium with over 40 vendors participating.
 - The Ware Football playoff game with Ware vs. Palmer at Holyoke High School was held with Ware the winning team with a final score of 14-6. A bus was donated by First Student for the band, cheerleaders and fans.
 - The VFW Awards were held last Tuesday for the Essay Contest (Patriots Pen) winners as follows:
 - 1st Place – Hannah Pittsley - - 6th Grade
 - 2nd Place – Madisyn Hill - - 8th Grade
 - 3rd Place – Michaelle Balicki - - 8th Grade
- The VFW Voice of Democracy award winners are as follows:
- 1st Place - Michael Meegan - - 10th Grade
 - 2nd Place – Karyn Feltner - - 10th Grade
 - 3rd Place – Sydney Simons - - 11th Grade

B. School Council Reports.

Ware Junior-Senior High School – School Council:

In summary, Kevin O'Regan reported that we have a great School Council this year. He stated that the constructive input is great in that last year they were able to input into the grade requirements that the School Committee changed last year. This year curriculum will be explored for being aligned with the State Frameworks. MCAS development is moving forward. Advance Placement Courses are moving forward with courses offered being successful. The drop out rate has reduced and gratitude was extended to the staff for moving this forward. The School Council is pleased with the work undertaken by Superintendent Beach, Principal Brindisi and the teaching staff for their outstanding achievements.

Ware Middle School – School Council:

In summary, Maura Balicki reported that the School Council looks forward to the great time we have in getting organized and represented with new Principal Robert Warren. Many events planned have been planned are looking forward to being successful. The transition of grades 3 to 4 and grades 6 to 7 are continued to be reviewed for discussing more specifics for implementing these grade transitions.

Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School – School Council:

In summary, Elizabeth Nicholas reported that the first meeting held was on November 10th to which we reviewed are rules and our purpose as a School Council. Principal DiLeo has met the progress of MCAS and has also saved money for the school district. There is almost enough Big Y Points to obtain an additional piece of video equipment.

All School Councils look forward to a great 2009-2010 year.

C. Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Beach presented the following report to the members of the School Committee.

- A NEASC letter was received last week saying they reviewed our progress report and that Ware High School continues in good standing. We were commended for the increase in the number of honor level courses and the addition of the AP English course. The next NEASC report is due March 1st.
- There are many holiday activities that we encourage people to check the school's website calendar of events as well as watching the marquee in front of the school.
- Tickets for the December 17th Holiday Community Dinner are available at all schools, central office and the Ware Senior Center. This will be held in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria from 4-7 p.m. with the

menu of turkey and all of the trimmings at the cost of \$6.00 per meal or \$5.00 per meal with a non-perishable item which will be donated to the food pantry.

- The Ware Football Team is going to the Super Bowl at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday at Westfield State College.
- Enrollment update since November 18th:

Female	Grade 1	Transferred in State
Male	Grade 2	Transferred in State
Male	Grade 3	Transferred in State
Male	Grade 3	Transferred in State
Male	Grade 7	Transferred in State
Female	Grade 8	Transferred in State
Male	Grade 12	Transferred in State

VI. Old/Unfinished Business:

There was no Old/Unfinished Business this evening.

VII. New Business:

A. Vacancy on School Committee.

Chairman Desjardins stated that the School Committee accepts the resignation of Kara Brown with regret and thanked her for all of the hard work she did while a member of the Ware School Committee.

The School Committee will accept applications for this School Committee vacancy until December 14, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. Applications can be sent to his attention at Central Office or by email to him. The School Committee will review the applications received at its meeting of December 16th. The School Committee will meet with the Ware Board of Selectmen on December 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Selectmen's meeting when a joint meeting of both boards will vote for the School Committee's recommended candidate of choice for this vacancy.

B. Hampshire Educational Collaborative Articles of Agreement.

Chairman Desjardins made reference to the Hampshire Educational Collaborative Articles of Agreement (SEE ATTACHED). After review, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to approve the Collaborative for Educational Services (formerly known as Hampshire Educational Collaborative) Articles of Agreement as submitted this evening (SEE ATTACHED). 4 members approved, 1 member vacancy. Motion Carries.

VIII. Communications.

There were no communications noted this evening.

IX. Special Projects:

A. School Choice.

Chairman Desjardins reported that the School Choice Sub-Committee will hold a meeting on December 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.

Chairman Desjardins noted that the next Policy Review Sub-Committee meeting will be held on December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.

MOTION By Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Brian Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M. 4 members approved, 1 member vacancy. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

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