

IV. Policy Discussion:

A. Policy Review Sub-Committee – Update.

Danielle Souza reported that she and Christopher Desjardins met on Monday to reorganize the Policy Review Sub-Committee. She stated that policy sections “J” and “K” are of priority to be reviewed and updated so that Kathleen Parmenter can complete the reforming process. The next meeting of the Policy Review Sub-Committee was scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.

B. Special Projects Sub-Committee – Update.

Chairman Desjardins reported that he and Brian Winslow are working on the School Choice issue with the first meeting held on Monday. He stated that we are researching several documents for discussion at the next School Choice Sub-Committee meeting. The next meeting of the School Choice Sub-Committee was scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ware Junior-Senior High School Library.

V. Reports/Updates:

A. Student Council Report.

Annie O’Brien reported the following to the members of the School Committee:

- The Annual Craft Fair held on December 5th was a huge success with \$1,125.00 raised. The money will be divided between all the classes who participated in this event.
- The Ware High School Boys Football team won the Super Bowl beating Pioneer 14-8.
- The Ware High School Student Council and the Junior High School Leadership Toys for Tots ends this Friday.
- The LEAP students raised approximately \$300.00 for Christmas For Kids.
- The LEAP Cafeteria has expanded by selling baked potatoes to staff for lunch.
- Seniors have been applying to highly diverse colleges and universities both in and out of Massachusetts.
- Progress reports came out Friday and counselors are meeting with students regarding the grades they received.
- The International Club had a meeting today to discuss their trip to Italy and are planning a trip to France for April, 2011.

B. FY10 Budget Update – On Line.

Chairman Desjardins requested that the budgets again be printed and distributed to the members of the School Committee. In addition, he requested that the meeting agenda again be printed and distributed to the members of the School Committee.

Andy Paquette reported that the FY10 budget is within budget as expected. We are watching the fuel expense, but we locked in at a lower rate, which should be fine. He met with the Principals to update purchases made (i.e. order from one company and the bill received from another company) so as to clean accounts accordingly.

C. Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Beach presented the following to the members of the School Committee:

- Due to the concern for H1N1, we may not hold Shadow Day (for students to go to the businesses) and may return back to Career Day (for people to come to the school).
- The Ware Junior-Senior High School received a \$1,500 donation from the Connor Lourens Memorial Fund.
- The Community Holiday Dinner is tomorrow from 4-7 p.m. at the Ware Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$6.00 per meal or \$5.00 if you bring a non-perishable item.
- There are some really great football videos on the Ware School District's web site.
- The SMK completed a week long Soup-er-cise program that brought in 1,109 cans. This program has a dual role; the cans were used for weights during the physical education class and then donated to the Jubilee Cupboard.
- We have been notified that 6th Grader Hannah Pittsley has been successful in the local competition essay contest for the Patriots' Pen Scholarship sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2577. We look forward to seeing if she is moved to the state level of competition.
- She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season from the Ware Learning Community.

VI. Old/Unfinished Business:

A. School Committee Member Vacancy.

Chairman Desjardins reported that there was an applicant for the vacancy on the Ware School Committee. The applicant submitted her application and it was misplaced at Central Office. The applicant is Joanne Rys who applied last Tuesday, December 8th. She was surprised to hear there were no applicants reported in the newspaper when she did apply. She contacted me about this situation. He concluded by stating that her name will be submitted to the Board of

Selectmen for the Joint Vote to be held on December 29th. He will forward a copy of her letter of application to the members of the School Committee prior to that meeting.

VII. New Business.

There was no new business reviewed this evening.

VIII. Communications:

Chairman Desjardins announced the resignation of Athletic Director Michael Robidoux effective immediately for personal reasons. The School Committee accepted Michael's resignation with regret. A search for a replacement will be made. Superintendent Beach stated that the letter came to her and she stated that his efforts were appreciated.

The School Committee thanked Michael for his outstanding efforts.

IX. Special Projects.

A. School Choice.

No report presented this evening.

X. Other Business:

A. Schedule Future Meetings.

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

- Wednesday, January 6, 2010
- Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Also, December 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ware Town Hall prior to the 7:00 p.m. Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen for selecting a candidate for the Ware School Committee vacancy.

The Ware School Committee wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

MOTION by Chairman Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M. 4 members approved, 1 member vacancy. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

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