

Danielle Souza handed out copies of the KFE-1 Use of Facilities Form with a new paragraph referencing what the committee discussed at the last couple meetings. Aaron Sawabi recommended changing “for questions” to ... “please plan on having a representative present at the next scheduled School Committee Meeting to present their request.” Brian Winslow recommended changing to say “A waiver will only be considered if the school does not incur any cost”.

MOTION by Joanne Rys and seconded by Brian Winslow for the Community Use-Rental of School Facilities File KFE-1 as amended be approved. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Danielle Souza also reported that at the last meeting we approved the new non-discrimination policy had to be reformatting by the School Committee Reporting Secretary noticed some changes that may need to be made. The policy was sent to us by our attorney and may have been a town policy, and needs to change to fit our district. Danielle Souza will review and come back to the School Committee with a new document.

Next scheduled meeting will take place March 8, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the WJSHS Library.

B. Budget Sub-Committee Update

Present at the Budget Sub-Committee Meeting: Aaron Sawabi, Brian Winslow, Dr. Beach, Principals and Andy Paquette. Aaron Sawabi gave a brief overview of the meeting, we still employ our basic philosophy or approach to the farthest impact from the student. The projected deficit was 1.9 million we were able to get that number down to 1.4 million due to some revenue projections that we under stated, decreasing further could require 15 layoffs, this gets us to a \$400,000 deficit. Unfortunately, we have had to go to these options and that delivering this type of news is painful but we are in the same situation as the rest of the country and other school districts. The key events that may give us some more options, switching the insurance policy or coverage also union negotiations begin soon. Andy Paquette then gave some specific details, when we began building this budget the House 1 projected a 5% reduction in Chapter 70, the American Recovery Act and Stimulus (AARA) grants are gone as of FY12 put us at the 1.9 million deficit. Fortunately, the 5% reduction in Chapter 70 did not happen and brought us down to the 1.4 million and then with the anticipated layoffs gets us to the \$400,000. Brian Winslow commented that hopefully this is only for one year only. Danielle Souza asked about the school choice money coming back into the district. Andy Paquette explained that we do not get revenue back for students that come back into the district and that the school choice assessment comes off the town’s budget and is factored into the Chapter 70 Aid. Andy Paquette mentioned some projections for the rest of this year, and that we could recoup some of this \$400,000. Danielle Souza asked how much, he thought best case scenario \$200,000 this all depends on how things go. Danielle Souza asked about grant funds, Andy Paquette answered as far as any increase in grants we are hearing only Title I funding, mainly because the ARRA

funds are gone, but to be cautious because Title I is mandated as to what you can and cannot use the funds for.

It was mentioned that Big Y has suspended their points program this year in order to redesign the program. Ms. DiLeo will double check with Big Y to see if any points will be retroactive, the points pay for 25-30 cases of paper, glue sticks and office supplies each year resulting in significant savings to the school. SMK also collects can tabs, box tops, Capri Sun containers and empty cartridges, to make a little extra money we just did a magazine fund that brought in close to \$1,500 which allows us to put into a student fund to purchase materials for students for example, the MCAS bike giveaway, student names go into a raffle for completing MCAS Vacation Packets.

V. Reports/Updates

A. Report from Student Council Member.

In summary, Kara Rys, our newly licensed student council member, reported the following:

SMK

- SMK took part for the Pennies for Patients fundraiser for the Leukemia Society and raised \$1,526 Mrs. Conners third grade class raised the most money \$226 and earned a pizza party.
- February 18th Joe the Biker presented his anti-bullying message to grades K-3.
- Community Reading Day took place today, SMK would like to thank everyone who took part in today's program.
- Bingo for Books will be tonight in the SMK cafeteria, students will be given books for prizes.

WMS

- Faculty vs. 8th Grade All-Star Basketball Game took place February 18th, the teachers were once again victorious.
- Community Reading Day took place today at WMS, and would like to thank all of our readers.
- Leadership members will be meeting with Mr. Nicholas to discuss the option of a salad bar.
- MCAS Spirit Day will be held March 18th, and testing begins March 22nd.

WJSHS

- Winter Carnival dance was held February 18th.
- A brief meeting was held today with seniors for the Credit for Life Fair that will be held on April 7th sponsored by Country Bank, WHS will be hosting.
- Members from student council will be attending an overnight conference at the Cape, March 9-11.
- Wednesday-Tuesday MCAS retest for Math and ELA will take place.
- Monday, March 7th students will be attending the College Fair at the Big E.
- After being postponed the School Match Wits taping is scheduled for March 8th at 4:30 PM at Westfield State.

- Congratulations to the girls basketball team beating New Leadership 67-34 last night and will be advancing to the 2nd round of tournament the game will be Friday in Ware at 7:00 PM vs. McCann.
- Congratulations to Jacob Straight Division III State Championship finished 6th at All-State in wrestling. Aaron Szczepanek finished 4th in the 100 meter butterfly.

B. Report from the Superintendent

In summary, the superintendent reported the following:

- We would thank Kathy Adams, January Yardley, Janey Loehr and Carole King for another successful Community Reading Day in the Ware Public Schools.
- The survey regarding insurance, to change your insurance, will be going out soon. This is an incentive to save the district money.
- Professional Development Day on March 9th will be on Mimeo Board training
- MCAS packet is complete
- May 7th is our Tag Sale/Recycling event at the Ware Public Schools. This year we will be renting space for those who would like to set up and sell their own items the fee will be announced at a later date.
- The junior class will be attending the National College Fair at the Big E ground on March 7th
- First Student has been sent an invoice for use of the KIVA and will process the payment

C. January 31, 2011 Results of Operation

Andy Paquette reported that attached is the January 31, 2011 Results of Operations. This report is slightly different in that we have done our year end projections for known expenses; including salary. As it shows, now the Net School Spending budget has a pre-other funding source deficit of c. \$821K. When we apply our projected funding source available to us we are at a positive balance of approximately \$30K; all things accordingly. This is good news compared to last month's projections. We will continue to monitor the expenses. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Brian Winslow if we saved any money when we closed a couple of year ago for two weeks, Andy Paquette will go back and double check but thought it was about \$12,000, additionally we turned the heat down which also resulted in savings. We may want to consider closing another week next winter. Lastly, Brian Winslow asked Andy Paquette if we ever received a credit from the electric company because we were double billed, he answered that yes we have.

VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Revenue from Use of Facilities Fees

Andy Paquette reported last year we brought in \$7,045 and this year so far we have collected \$5,233. We project close to \$14,000 for this year because VHS is paying for this year and last year, the biggest chunk of money comes from them.

B. Revenue from Local Business

Chris Desjardins went to the business that had a sign selling WHS shirts and sweatshirts and was able to speak to the manager there unfortunately, she did not know anything about the proceeds from the merchandise but she will call the district manager to find out if we are supposed to get anything or not. He hopes to hear something by the next meeting.

C. Waiver of Fees for Use of Facility for Bus Company (Vote Required) – Tabled from February 16, 2011

Chris Desjardins mentioned that based on the Superintendent's Report they are paying the bill. Brian Winslow did ask about the special education transportation we have two companies J&J and Vanpool why would we go with another one. Andy Paquette thought that either they could not accommodate the student's need or perhaps it was cheaper. Danielle Souza asked about not going collaborating on the bus transportation, Andy Paquette answered that Granby, for example, had another year left on their contract but he is going to reach out to Palmer and see if they are interested in a joint bid.

VII. New Business

There was no new business tonight.

VIII. Communications

There was no communications tonight.

IX. Special Projects

There was no communications tonight.

X. Other Business.

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

MOTION by Christopher Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to move into Executive Session (Under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 39,

Section 23B, Qualification No. 3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation at 7:32 PM. 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 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach
Superintendent of Schools

_____, Chairman
