



Don Swartz from the Ware High Boosters Club handed out a packet which included: A listing of Ware High School Athletic Booster Club 2009/2010 Revenues; a listing of 2009/2010 Expenses/Donations; and the names of the 2010-2011 Calendar winners. (ATTACHED). This year the Booster Club is allowing student athletes the opportunity to pay their 2010/2011 athletic usage fees through the selling of lottery calendars. A listing of the rules is (ATTACHED). The calendars will be ready for purchase this weekend and are \$20.00 each. Joanne Rys commented that this is a great idea and kids can really benefit from it. Chris Desjardins commented that the athletic budget has been limited and the program was lagging behind and without the support of the Booster's he does not know where the programs would be. Lastly, Mr. Swartz reported that for anyone interested there will be a Booster's Club Meeting at the AC Club next Thursday at 7:00 PM.

#### **IV. Sub-Committee Discussion:**

Danielle Souza reported that the next subcommittee meeting would be held next Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the WJSHS library

#### **V. Reports/Updates.**

##### **A. Report from Student Council Member.**

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following

- School began smoothly on August 30<sup>th</sup> classes are switching Mon., Wed., and Friday will start with "D" class instead of "A" class
- Athletic meeting for all fall sports was held last night and was a good turnout we are also looking for parent volunteers at games
- September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the first home game for boy's soccer and September 10<sup>th</sup> home games will be football, girls and boys soccer
- HCC classes begin Friday
- Cynthia Boyle from the DA's office will be talking to high school students September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> also on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation for parents on cyber bullying at 6:30 PM in the auditorium at WJSHS
- Friday is the last day for schedule changes
- September 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day for S.A.T. signups for seniors

##### **B. Report from Superintendent**

- Great start to this school year
- Ware is on the UMass tutoring list for the high school but UMass students need to pick us
- We have 138 fall athletes participating in fall activities
- For the rest of the report Principal DiLeo came up to the podium, to mention a few things going on at SMK. First welcoming Lianne Werlein as the new Assistant Principal. Also, new this year we will have a school store as a reward for good behavior, a Character Counts programs. One of our focuses this year will be math comprehension dealing with different strategies in helping students understand math vocabulary – Read It, Draw It, Solve It. We will

also have an oral health program to screen and treat students. Lastly, SMK will have two open houses this year September 30<sup>th</sup> grades 1-3, October 14<sup>th</sup> PreK-K.

- WMS Principal Mr. Warren up at the podium to report a few things going on at WMS. This past Sunday we had an informal open house for the fourth graders. All fourth grade teachers, Dr. Beach, and Mrs. Warren attended, the event was well received. We no longer have faculty meetings instead we are dividing in to two councils, an academic council and climate council, teachers are free to choose which to serve on. The WMS will hold a formal Open House on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30 PM the PTO will also host a bake sale and Ms. Gardner coordinating a Scholastic Book Fair. We changed the format for specials, last year we had 2 specials per day each 40 min. now we will have 1 special for 80 min. this will help cut down transition time and benefits students enrolled in math or ELA interventions. New this year during the second half of the year we have as a special a program called Windows to the World and are pleased to have the French teacher from the high school to teach WMS students. Lastly, we are thrilled to have Mr. Jordan back full time at the middle school.

## **VI. Old/Unfinished Business.**

### **A. Student Athlete/Extra-Curricular Eligibility – Tabled from August 25, 2010**

Dr. Beach read a report from Ms. Brindisi where she reports after talking with both guidance counselors an alternate route to eligibility would be beneficial to students and would help keep them motivated. Since athletic GPA's are done manually we cannot generate a computer report to satisfy what the school committee is looking for. After speaking with guidance, athletic directors and coaches an educated estimate on amending the GPA requirement would benefit about 6 students. Ms. Brindisi is looking for a response to her request.

Motion by Danielle Souza and second by Joanne Rys to approve amending the academic requirements for athletics to include a student may be eligible with a 1.70 GPA (C-) and no Fs on his/her report card. 4 members approved, 1 member (B.Winslow) opposed. Motion Carries.

### **B. Verify Licenses of School Vans**

Dr. Beach reported that yes all the vans for both J&J and Van Pool licensing are current and verified.

## **VII. New Business:**

Dr. Beach wanted to mention that now Greenfield has a virtual school K-12 and may be the first in Massachusetts. Students could choice in. Danielle Souza commented that a student could get a diploma without ever stepping foot on campus. Dr. Beach

said yes that is true. Danielle Souza will also bring back to the committee some information on the YMCA and having something in Ware.

**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.**

**A. Schedule of Future Meetings**

- WMS Inspection September 15 at 5:00 PM, regular business meeting to follow at 6:30 WJSHS library.
- WJSHS Inspection September 29 at 5:00 PM, regular business meeting to follow at 6:30 WJSHS library.

MOTION by Chris Desjardins and seconded by Aaron Sawabi to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

C. Desjardins.....yes  
 B. Winslow.....yes  
 J. Rys.....yes

A. Sawabi.....yes  
 D. Souza.....yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach  
Superintendent of Schools

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_