

2. Guests/Presentations:

- a. Athletic Fees – Mrs. Sabolinski stated that we are looking at implementing a cap on athletic fees. She further commented that we have never had a cap on athletic fees and she sees this as a good time to consider one since fees have increased over the years. Mr. Sidwell noted that Track fees are \$175, Hockey fees are \$450 and all other sports fees are \$200. Students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches, are also eligible for free or reduced athletic fees. He noted that there are many families who have more than one student at the high school who each play three sports. He recommends families pay the first six fees. He further stated that this would not be a huge financial loss to us, but looking at the number of families affected, he feels this is something we should do. The Committee both supports and adopts this proposal.
- b. Handbooks – Mrs. Winslow started out by saying that Policy JAB states that handbooks are policy. While each school tailors their handbooks towards the culture of their school, they work hard to keep the language of the policies the same amongst the schools. Mrs. Winslow discussed the four areas of change that can be found in the elementary and middle school handbooks this year. They are the revised school lunch prices, language change relative to the Head Injury/Concussion law, tweaks in attendance language to become more consistent with the law, and lastly – minor language changes to Policy GBAB – Acceptable Use Policy.

3. Discussion Only Items:

- Enrollment Update: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the Committee can find in their packet enrollment data from all schools as of yesterday, as well as historical data on enrollment. Class sizes at the high school range from 19-28 students in the core classes. Unified Arts classes have as many as 35 students per class. At the middle schools, class sizes range from 28-33 students per class. It was noted that at both Annie Sullivan Middle School and Remington Middle School, some students will be on multiple teams – which is the only way to keep class sizes under 30 students. It was also noted that it will be unavoidable to keep math class sizes under 30 students due to the leveling of math and other factors. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that the District grapples with cutting programs - or maintaining them and therefore having larger class sizes. They have seen in the past, once a program is cut, it doesn't come back. At the elementary schools, the guidelines recommend 18-22 students per classroom in grades K-2. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that K-2 looks good across the District. Guidelines for grades 3-5 are 22-25 students per classroom. It was noted that there are pockets where class sizes exceed 25 students per class. She further commented that she feels we will see another period of enrollment shifts before school starts – as students continue to enroll in the District. Some Jefferson Elementary School parents were in the audience and voiced their concern on the large class sizes particularly in 3rd grade. Mrs. Ashley, the new principal at Jefferson, said that she would work with the

PCC's about getting more parent volunteers in the classrooms. Mrs. Sabolinski also commented that Lisa Trainer is working on providing a Parent Training Program to prepare parents with volunteering in the classrooms.

- **Transportation Update:** Mrs. Goodman updated the Committee on Transportation. She noted that Transportation notices were sent out in April with reminder messages sent out in both May and July. As of August 2nd, about 50 families have not sent in their final payments. Currently, there are 2,584 students expected to ride on 28 buses. 1,573 of those students are "Pay to Ride". Bus routes will be finalized next week. Once finalized – they will be available to view on the School Districts Website. Bus passes will be available for pick up the last week in August. Mrs. Goodman also noted that middle school buses are full as well as a few high school buses. Mrs. Sabolinski noted that if a student hasn't signed up for transportation, we are not in a position to guarantee transportation nor are we in a position to accrue costs to add more buses.

4. Action Items:

1. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a \$100 Office Depot gift card and 5 large one-topping pizzas from the Leukemia Foundation & Lymphoma Society for the HMMS for raising \$2,067.47 for Pennies for Patients.
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7
2. I recommend acceptance of the donation of a Selmer Liberty Tenor Sax from the McLean Family valued at \$1,200 for the Remington Middle School.
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7
3. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$282.66 from Wells Fargo (Douglas Lee) for the FHS.
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7
4. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$50 from Stephanie & Michael Quinn for the FHS Schaeffer memorial scholarship.
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7
5. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$25 from Judi Hershman for the FHS Schaeffer memorial scholarship.
Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Second: Mrs. Trahan
Approval: 7
6. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$10 via Just Give as an anonymous donation from Capella University for FHS scholarships.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

7. I recommend acceptance of the donation of CPR Mannequins valued at \$1,109 from Roberta Trahan for the District.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approval: 6

Second: Mr. Donahue
Abstain: 1

8. I recommend acceptance of a check for \$20 from Sheila Hooper for the FHS Schaeffer memorial scholarship.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

9. I recommend approval of the Elementary and Middle School's Handbooks as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Rohrbach
Approval: 7

Second: Mrs. Trahan

5. Information Matters:

- Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sabolinski noted that in total, we have had 27 retirements and 28 resignations. Principals are hiring extraordinary teachers and she is excited with the hires we have made. Tomorrow there will be a new administrator's orientation with workshops that will review policy manuals, contractual agreements, etc. Other trainings will also occur for the administrative team and staff. She noted that bids for the high school project are due in September – at which point we will get a good idea of what the cost will be. Lastly, she noted that the modular's will be removed from the Parmenter school by August 20th.
- School Committee Sub-Committee Reports: Mrs. Trahan let the Committee know that the Policy Sub-Committee met earlier this evening. She noted that the Committee will see some First Readings of Policies at the August 21st meeting.
- School Committee Liaison Reports: No new information discussed at this time.

- 6. New Business:** No new information discussed at this time.

7. Executive Session:

- Contractual Negotiations
- Approval of Executive Session minutes from 4/10/12, 5/22/12 & 6/12/12 meetings.

- 8. Adjourn:** 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Barker

List of documents

SCAgenda 8-7-12.pdf
Budget2Actual.pdf
July 17, 2012 SCMinutes-DRAFT.pdf
Payroll Warrant #1301 summary.pdf
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