

School Committee Minutes  
20 July 2010

School Committee members present: Liisa Locurto, Paul Brennan, Kristen Feifert Clark, Tracey Zuliani, Jesse Limanek

Also present: Ted Friend, Superintendent

Liisa called to order and the Committee entered into open session at 907am..

Agenda

1. Consent agenda

Questions arose on the bill schedule dated 22 June 2010 so the move to approve postponed until Sue Rothermich, Business Manager is present.

2. Tracey announced that she has taken a teaching position in Douglas and will be unable to continue on the Committee after 31 August, 2010. Tracey will forward this information on to Town Hall.

3. Survey Monkey

Highlighted concerns- school cleanliness, Everyday Math, curriculum, SPED, cafeteria food.

School and, in particular, bathroom cleanliness are issues reported across the District and in both student and Staff bathrooms.

It is felt that Everyday Math does not flow well into the MS curriculum. MCAS scores will be reviewed in relation to this. A recommendation will then be created for next year. This highlights the need to address the math curriculum across the District.

The need for self reflection and review of the curriculum has highlighted. The District should maintain the District Learning Team as another tool for input and review that includes input from the community. A District Improvement Plan must also be part of the process providing input from the educators.

Comments all over the board for SPED. Some concerns that too many are in program while other concerned that some children are missed. Ted looking into specifics in funding and resource allotment.

Cafeteria food is the perennial issue. People looking for healthier, fresher options.

4. School Committee Goals

- District Learning Team – Ted will work to recreate the team and process.
- Food Service - develop plan to increase nutritional value of lunches and food offerings.
- Policy manual – administrative team will review new policies.
- School choice – school committee will reexam the process.
- STA negotiations – establish 3 year contract

- Communications – review current methods of communication and develop appropriate plans for information dissemination.
- Budget

5. Technology

A part time data tech is needed for the input of information to website, maintenance of Alertnow data. Ted is reviewing resumes at this time.

Sue Rothermich, Business Manager, arrived at 153pm.

6. Budget transfers

Discussed questions about budget transfers with Sue. Paul moved to approve the budget transfers and Liisa seconded. Carried 5-0.

7. Consent agenda

Paul moved to approve the minutes of 22 June 2010 and bill schedule of 20 July 2010 and Tracey seconded. Carried 5-0.

8. Other business

School committee meetings on 8/9 and 8/30 at 7pm

School use policy and school choice policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Kristen moved to adjourn and Paul seconded. Carried 5-0. Adjourned at 340pm.

Submitted,

Kristen Feifert Clark, Secretary