

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**  
**Monday, June 9, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Stu Sklar, Patty Wenger, Willie Wickman (present shortly after the meeting was called to order), Emma Cait O'Rourke-Friel and Thomas W. Jefferson

**Call to Order** – Stu Sklar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Student Report**

Two new student representatives, Rachel Kipps and Andrew Korstvedt, were introduced to the Committee. The students reported on the prom, Celebration, Student Council, academic and athletic awards.

Helen Kilian reported on the Student Energy Commission.

**School Committee Reports**

Bill Blackwell and Stephen Strong gave an updated on the Harvard Energy Advisory Commission. They were trying to find a viable solar system, but the numbers did not work out as the Town's current energy contract is a good one. They will keep the Committee apprised of any updates.

Virginia Justicz reported that the Policy Subcommittee had met and were working on the Student section.

**Superintendent Report**

Dr. Jefferson reported on graduation and thanked everyone involved in it. He discussed the issue of heat concerns at the Elementary School. He congratulated Pamela DeGregorio on becoming the new Director of Special Education. She will start on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Other Reports**

Keith Cheveralls gave an update on the Special Education Independent Audit Review. He read emails between himself and Gagliardi Associates. The Committee discussed how to proceed with the contract process. Virginia Justicz will talk with the Board of Selectmen.

## **New Business**

Mary Beth Banios, Principal of Harvard Elementary School, presented the School Improvement Plan for SY0809.

Lorraine Leonard presented a new warrant signing procedure to the Committee. The Committee agreed that at least three members would be available bi-weekly to sign the vendor warrants at Town Hall.

VOTED Keith Cheveralls made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to nominate the Chair and Vice Chair as the alternate to sign the payroll warrants as described. (5/0) to accept the motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

Lorraine will send out a warrant schedule to facilitate the process.

## **Old Business**

Lorraine presented an updated FY08 Budget and Outside Fund Report. She anticipates closing out the year without any request for transfer of funds.

Dr. Jefferson gave an update on School Choice. There is one slot for second grade still pending.

VOTED Willie Wickman made the motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union contract negotiations and not to return to regular session. A roll call vote was taken. (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

Minutes submitted,

Jackie Smith  
Recording Secretary