

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, May 10, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Piali De, Patty Wenger, Kirsten Wright, Maureen Babcock, Thomas Jefferson and Lorraine Leonard

Superintendent Thomas Jefferson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Tom congratulated new member Kirsten Wright, thanked outgoing member Stu Sklar for his service on the committee and thanked Keith Cheveralls for his service as chair of the committee. Election of officers followed.

- VOTED Patty Wenger nominated Keith Cheveralls as Chair, seconded by Piali De.
(4/0) to accept the motion. (Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Kirsten Wright(Yes), Piali De (Yes).
- VOTED Piali De nominated Patty Wenger as Vice Chair, seconded by Kirsten Wright.
(4/0) to accept the motion. (Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes), Piali De (Yes).
- VOTED Patty Wenger nominated Kirsten Wright as Secretary, seconded by Piali De.
(4/0) to accept the motion. (Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Kirsten Wright(Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Minutes

- Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to approve the Minutes from the April 26, 2010 meeting as amended.
- VOTED (3/0/1) to accept the motion. (Patty Wenger (Yes), Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes).

Student Report

The Student Council wished to congratulate Ms. Wright for her election to the School Committee. The prom and celebration were held May 7 and 8, everyone had a great time and thanks to all who helped. Student council will meet again on May 14th.

Liaison and subcommittee report

Maureen Babcock reported that DEAC will be meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. The DEAC survey data will be presented to the Devens' community. Piali De reported that there are two policy sections left to complete. Virginia Justicz presented a proposed charter and mission for the long-range planning subcommittee. Keith Cheveralls updated the committee on the membership of the calendar subcommittee. The calendar subcommittee is expected to deliver a report to the school committee by the end of June. Keith Cheveralls thanked the Bromfield School student council for their hard work on the athletic user fee override question. There were passionate arguments on both sides of the issue. The School Committee needs to pick this item up and look at it from a budget standpoint.

Superintendent Report

Thomas Jefferson reviewed with the committee the early release calendar for the 2010/2011 school year. Tom reported that four positions at The Bromfield School have been filled. Catherine Polis-Secondary Special Education Coordinator, Kristen McCarron-8th grade Social Studies teacher, Ted Zayka-High School English/Drama teacher and Kristen Seed-8th grade English. Tom thanked all those who worked on the prom and celebration committee for a successful and entertaining evening.

Strategic Plan and 21st Century Thinking Skills – Habits of Mind Presentation

The strategic plan HES leadership team of Peggy Harvey, Maryann Cheveralls and Elizabeth Egan presented an overview of the Habits of Mind model and the steps taken to implement throughout the grades.

School Committee Liaison Responsibilities

Contract Negotiations – Piali De – Alternate – Patty Wenger

Board of Selectman – Keith Cheveralls

Finance Committee – Virginia Justicz

Policy – Piali De and Keith Cheveralls

Long Range Planning – Virginia Justicz and Patty Wenger

DEAC – Kirsten Wright

SEPAC – Virginia Justicz

TBS School Council – Kirsten Wright

HES School Council – Patty Wenger

Capital Planning and Budget prioritizing – Virginia Justicz and Keith Cheveralls

Suburban Coalition – Virginia will talk to Stu

HEAC/Energy Subcommittee – Patty Wenger

Strategic Planning – Piali De.

Summer Calendar

The Committee will schedule a meeting after July 9 to close end of year expenditures and a meeting August 30 on Staff Convocation Day. The committee will post meetings over the summer on an as needed basis.

Future Agenda Items

Calendar – draft

Long range planning document

School Committee goals/review

Executive Session

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to enter into executive session, as authorized by Chapter 39, Section 23B of the Massachusetts General Laws, at a meeting for which 48 hours notice has been given, to consider matters

of discipline and/or to hear complaints or charges relating to the State Ethics Commission decision and order issued on April 28th, 2010.
Following the executive session the Committee will not return to open session

VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. (Patty Wenger (Aye), Keith Cheveralls (Aye), Virginia Justicz (Aye) Kirsten Wright (Aye), Piali De (Aye).

Minutes submitted,

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary