

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, June 14, 2010
7:00 pm.

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

Keith Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to accept the minutes from Monday, May 24th as amended.

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

Liaison and subcommittee Reports

Maureen Babcock reported that George Ramirez from DEAC visited The Bromfield School with Tom Jefferson, Jim O'Shea, Keith Cheveralls, Scott Hoffman and herself. The group toured the school and learned more about the relationship between DEAC and the Harvard Public Schools. George Ramirez is interested in coming to a school committee meeting in the fall.

Kirsten Wright reported the The Bromfield School Council met and discussed the school improvement plan.

Keith Cheveralls reported on the meeting with Mass Development Executive Director, George Ramirez. George relishes two way communications. Tom and Keith will work on giving Mr. Ramirez a thumb print of what the Harvard Public Schools is offering the students from Devens and showing what they are getting for their money.

The Board of Health will present the Lymelite forum on June 17 from 7-9 p.m. in Volunteers Hall.

Katie Green emailed inviting school committee representation at a meeting with Representative Jen Benson. Virginia Justicz will attend. The Board of Selectman is looking for a school committee liaison for the long term financial planning subcommittee. Virginia Justicz and Patty Wenger will engage in dialog with the Board of Selectman and Bill Johnson.

Patty Wenger reported that the calendar subcommittee met and engaged in interesting dialog. It is unlikely that the committee will be ready to report back to the school committee on June 28th. The School Council held election and Deb Barton was reelected as well as new comer Sarah Von Conte. The HES playground subcommittee has looked at possible vendors. The playground will not be installed until the summer of 2011. The committee will invite someone from the Energy Advisory Committee to come to a meeting after July to give the committee an update.

Piali De reported that the Instructional Leadership Subcommittee met for organizational purposes. They plan to meet hold open meetings every other Friday.

Thomas Jefferson reviewed a document by the Suburban Coalition trying to solicit MASC endorsement that would seek a legislative change in the funding for special

education. The Suburban Coalition is seeking endorsement by School Committees across the state.

Virginia Justicz made a motion and Piali De seconded to endorse the Suburban Coalitions proposal for a revised circuit breaker reimbursement for consideration by MASC.

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

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are scheduled to vote on whether to adopt the Common State Standards. To inform the board's decision the department is seeking public comment. To participate in the survey log on to

www.doe.mass.edu/candi//commoncore

Thomas Jefferson presented to the committee a gift from the Harvard Schools Trust for \$5,000 to fund the World of Difference Program at The Bromfield School.

Virginia Justicz made a motion and Piali De seconded to accept the gift for the World of Difference Program.

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

Personnel Updates – Barbara Shea from Somerville, MA was hired as the Media Center Specialist. She comes with an abundance of knowledge and vibrancy. Close to finalizing employment for a part time speech and language pathologist. The Bromfield Academic Bowl will air tomorrow night against Long Meadow. Congratulations to Mike McGarty and the team. Kudos to all who worked to make the fun fair a success. The HES principal search is underway. The teacher's contract should be ready for signature by Monday, June 21, 2010.

HES School Improvement Plan

Marybeth Banios presented the Hildreth Elementary School Improvement plan for 2010-2011 school year.

Bromfield School Improvement Plan

James O'Shea presented The Bromfield School Improvement plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

Future Agenda Items

HES playground update

Exploratory dialogue with Boxborough School Committee

TB & HES handbook review

2009/2010 Budget

Energy Advisory Committee

Exit Interviews

Deven contract

New goals

Patty Wenger made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted,

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary