

School Committee Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, July 12, 2010
7:00 pm.

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

Keith Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The committee met with Bill Blackwell from HEAC regarding financial and contract matters related to the solar panel installation at the Bromfield School. The solar panel installation is contingent upon a success grant from Commonwealth Solar in the amount of \$5,000. Ostro did not except the bid with that contingency. There are two options (a) the town will pay the \$5,000 up front and be recouped when the grant is approved or (b) scale back the system.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to award the contract of solar array to Ostro Electric contingent upon the installer apply for the rebate from Commonwealth Solar. The School Committee will cover the \$5,000 rebate if the grant is not awarded by Commonwealth Solar.

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

The committee met with Maria Neland and Mary Drolan of the Boxborough School Committee to explore the potential of shared Central Office and Administrative functions. The committee expressed their interest in the potential of job sharing for central office functions.

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded that the Harvard School Committee work with the Boxborough School Committee to explore shared central office responsibilities.

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

Ron Ricci notified the committee that he will continue as the BOS to School Committee liaison. Ron informed the committee that the BOH has begun a program to raise the awareness of Lyme disease. The BOS is looking for school committee representation for Devens long range planning. Patty and Virginia will work out who will serve as liaison.

FY 10 School Budget

Lorraine Leonard presented the close out of the 2009/2010 school budget. The committee thanked Lorraine for her diligent work.

Budget 2010/2011

Thomas Jefferson presented changes to the FY11 budget due to the impact of recent personnel changes. Discussion ensued. The committee asked that the HES Media position vacancy be hired as a one year replacement.

Review and approve contract between HTA and School Committee

It was not feasible to ratify the teacher evaluation instrument piece of the contract prior to the June deadline. The group will meet again in the fall to continue discussion. The teacher evaluation piece will be implemented upon ratification with vote from the School Committee.

Piali De made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to sign the one year contract (2010-2011) between the Harvard School Committee and the Harvard Teachers' Association.

VOTED (4/0/1) to accept the motion. Patty Wenger (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes)
Keith Cheveralls recused himself.

School Committee and Sub-Committee goals for 2010/2011

The committee reviewed their goals and will make a formal vote at the August 23, 2010 meeting.

Tom will bring his own set of goals to the August 23rd meeting.

Superintendent's report on the Board of Health letter of July 1st, 2010

Thomas Jefferson informed the committee that each finding from the BOH letter regarding a May 25th inspection of The Bromfield School has been addressed. BOH inspector will follow up with Chef Paul.

Executive Session

Piali De made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded that the School Committee enter in to executive session, as authorized by Chapter 30A, Section 18-25 of the Massachusetts General Laws, at a meeting for which 48 hours notice has been given invoking executive session exemptions #2 "To conduct a strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel".

Following the executive session, the Committee will not return to open session.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Mary Zadroga
Recording Secretary