



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM - 7:00 P. M.
OCTOBER 22, 2007**

Members attending: Virginia Justicz, Willie Wickman, Will Verbits, and Superintendent Thomas Jefferson

Members absent: Stuart Sklar

Willie Wickman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

During Open Meeting, Ron Ricci stated he would be watching to be sure Special Town Meeting follows through on the passing of School Committee Censure.

The motion was made (Verbits) and seconded (Justicz) to add School Committee Resignation and Executive Session to the Agenda. The Committee **VOTED** 3/0 to accept.

Reports from the Committee included:

- Student representatives updated the Committee on events at Bromfield.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Virginia and Will reported opportunities are still available and interested persons should contact the Superintendent.
- Indoor Air Quality Committee – The Board of Health memo regarding excessive temperatures at the elementary school was shared with the Committee. The BoH feels that fans should be required in each space where the temperature is excessive and the Superintendent's office establish specific policies for excessive classroom temperatures.
- Facilities Study Committee – The Massachusetts School Building Authority has sent notification Harvard is in queue for funds through the MSBA Capital Pipeline,
- Special Education Task Force Committee – Meeting October 24.
- Special Education Independent Audit Subcommittee – Meeting October 28.
- Policy Subcommittee – Meeting November 6.
- Capital Planning – Virginia will be the new School Committee representative.
- Superintendent Report – Tom reported a letter was sent home to parents outlining action taken when Swastikas were discovered at The Bromfield School.

Willie announced the resignation of Jeff Shaw effective October 11, 2007. Willie will send a letter to the Selectmen regarding the resignation and work with them to determine a date to appoint a replacement.

The revised FY08 School Budget was presented reflecting transfers voted at Special Town Meeting showing a projected balance of approximately \$7,500.

The School Committee requested rough numbers for Capital Planning. These numbers should include funds for elementary playground improvement, fans for second floor classrooms, and technology. Another item for Cap Planning should be land for school development.

The School Committee had discussion on how to go forward, staying focused and develop procedures on communication. It was suggested the executive director of Mass Assoc. of School Committees facilitate a public forum. Mr. Koocher is available on November 8. The Committee agreed to go forward with the forum and if it can not be live, arrange for it to be taped. The complete information on the forum will be in the November newsletter.

A dinner/tour of Monty Tech was suggested for November 26. A date before the end of the year will be set if November 26 is not available. The FY09 budget work sessions with administrators will begin December 4 and 5. MASC/MASS Conference is November 14 through 17 at the Hyannis Sea Crest Conference Center.

The motion was made (Verbits) and seconded (Justicz) to adjourn into executive session for possible litigation and not return to public session. The Committee **VOTED** 3/0 (Virginia Justicz, yes; Will Verbits, yes; and Willie Wickman, yes) to accept.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.