

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at Hall School.

PRESENT: Mark Makuch, Laurie Semprebon, Christine Psathas, Christina Mailhos,
Superintendent David Harding, HMS Teacher Jan Platt, HMS Students Gabe
Rodriguez, Brittany Bancroft, Morgan Stewart

ABSENT: Herbert Arico, David Tharp, Teri Gareau

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent noted a letter to Mark Makuch from Michael Peloso, copies of letters from Lauri Moreno, from Planning-Zoning/Wetlands Agent, Susan Yorgensen, and copies of Region #19 Board of Education Meeting minutes.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

Michael Peloso thanked David Harding and the Board for looking into his transportation issue and asked for an appeal of the decision of the Board's Transportation Committee.

PRESENTATION:

Jan Platt introduced students Gabriel Rodriguez, Brittany Bancroft, and Morgan Stewart who presented their Engineering and Design projects. Mrs. Platt gave a presentation on the four major areas of the curriculum for the Engineering and Design program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Mark Makuch, to remove Item B from the
Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to accept the remaining
items A and C on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

The Board discussed new procedures being needed for Committee minutes.

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon, to table the Committee
minutes pending next Board meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Facility Committee discussed the use of facilities. David Harding presented a check list proposed for all facility users. The committee discussed the front lawn of Hall School. The committee is discussing the mowing of the fields.

The Food Service Committee discussed the evaluation process. They will meet next Thursday.

The Policy Committee met to review the District Internet and E-mail policy. Committee will meet on Thursday to review the Nonresident Attendance policy

The Superintendent Evaluation Committee met to finalize the timeline and tools.

Laurie Semprebon, liaison with CABE, contacted CABE regarding Leadership Training credits.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the successful public water connection completion at Hall School with a note that the landscaping will be continued in the spring, on the energy audit, the reading update regarding the upcoming professional development day for Center School, that the Board of Finance approved the Board of Education budget and gave an update on the end of the year budget. He mentioned that a town meeting will take place on March 26, 2008, regarding a CIP request. Copies of the Superintendent's Corner article from Horizon Magazine were passed out.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to accept Policy 3541
on page 2 to keep with consistent wording.
Transportation with addition of the word "one" to be included in paragraph B

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Harding requested a video camera placement in the gym lobby at Hall School to be approved as per the policy.

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Christina Mailhos, to approve the use of a video camera in the lobby by the gym at Hall Memorial School.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board decided to continue the B.O.E. Citizenship award this year.

Mark Makuch led discussion on B.O.E. meeting locations.

Laurie Semprebon led discussion on procedures on agenda item "Present to Speak".

Mark Makuch led discussion surrounding curriculum and possible ways to initiate how to consider the flow and how it satisfies the high school requirements.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Members mentioned that it was nice how the Board Selectmen commented on the Board of Education for Board of Education Appreciation Month. Members noted that the Board of Finance meeting went well. Board noted that HMS student Lisa Pinatti won the recent Spelling Bee. Board members attended the HMS Spelling Bee and the CES Read Across America event. Board congratulated the HMS Lady Falcons basketball team on their tournament win. Members mentioned upcoming school activities: "Into the Woods" musical at HMS on April 10 and 11 at 7 p.m., the HMS Spring Concert on May 21. The Board welcomed member David Tharp home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Nichole Page
Recording Secretary