

**HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 1, 2015  
To: School Committee Members  
From: Michael Harvey, Superintendent of Schools  
Re: Thursday, October 1, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** *Larry Swartz* called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm in the Buker Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Jeanise Bertrand, Deborah Evans, Hannah Fraley, Dennis Hurley, Stacey Metternick, Larry Swartz  
Also present: Celeste Bowler, Michael Harvey, Jeff Sands  
Kerianne Heppner (Student Representative)  
Nancy Bergner, (Secretary)  
Absent: No committee members were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

There were no citizen concerns.

[Clarification: concerns which have been submitted to School Committee members via email should be forwarded to Donna Bunk for inclusion in meeting agendas as “New Business.”]

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Larry Swartz confirmed the new start time of 7:15 for H-WRSC Meeting.

H-WRSC candidate interviews will be conducted by a committee composed of representatives from the School Committee and Selectmen on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 6:30-8:45. A forum discussion will commence at 9 PM, and will be televised.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Six H-WHS students were commended for their strong performance on the PSAT by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- District Wide Curriculum documents are being developed to support “Understanding By Design.” These documents are posted on the district website as they become available.
- DESE has released MCAS results. On October 15 Dr. Bowler will present an analysis of H-WRSD performance.
- Michael Harvey and Eric Tracy attended a presentation at Gordon College on changes in the SAT. Khan Academy is coordinating with PSAT to provide individualized tutoring based upon uploaded scores to help students prepare for the SAT.

- Gale Associates is presenting a study on turf Thurs. Oct. 8 at 7 PM at Buker Elementary. Both town's selectmen will be in attendance and the meeting is open to the public.
- MA Department of Revenue has certified H-WRSC's Excess and Efficiency accounting report, allowing for proper funding throughout the year.
- School Leases: Cutler and Winthrop leases have been signed by Hamilton Selectmen;. Wenham Selectmen have signed a bridge lease for Buker School.
- HW Finance Committee has invited School Committee (Dec 17, Jan 28) to discussion of town budget for FY 2017
- DESE has released a 4 minute video providing an overview on how data is collected and analyzed.
- DESE is releasing resources on standards and assessments to provide background on the upcoming decision on whether or not MA will adopt the PARCC standards.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Larry Swartz :DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBER(S) THAT WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANY ITEM FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA?**

- Minutes of September 3, 2015 [Exhibit A]
- Minutes of September 17, 2015 [Exhibit B]

**Larry Swartz: REMOVE THE SEPT 17 MINUTES, WHICH ARE NOTES ON PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING IN WHICH A QUORUM WAS NOT ACHIEVED, AND THEREFORE NOT CALLED TO ORDER.**

- EdFund – Forensics Comparison Microscope [Exhibit C]
- Field Trip – Grade 8 students to Washington DC [Exhibit D]
- MIAA application waiver for Girls Hockey [Exhibit J]

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE ALL OF THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THERE CAN BE NO FUTHER DISCUSSION OR AMENDMENT OF THIS MOTION.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; DENNIS HURLEY seconded  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

*Michael Harvey provided an explanation of MIAA waiver for Girls' Hockey (Exhibit J)*

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WAIVER FOR GIRLS' HOCKEY AT MARBLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; DENNIS HURLEY seconded.  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Michael Harvey presented District Improvement Plan [Exhibit E]  
[discussion]
- Principals and Curriculum Coordinators Presented School & Program Improvement Plans [Exhibit F]  
[discussion]
- Policy Review – Second Reading of High School Graduation Policy [Exhibit I]  
[discussion]

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION POLICY AS AMENDED.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; DEBORAH EVANS seconded  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

d. Select Delegate & Alternate for MASC Conference [Exhibit G]

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINT JENISE BERTRAND AS A VOTING MEMBER REPRESENTING THE H-W SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT THE MASC CONFERENCE.**

**Motion by Stacey Metternick; seconded by Hannah Fraley  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

*[note: alternate member to be determined.]*

e. Final Review of SC Calendar [Exhibit H] *no action necessary*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ADJOURN.**

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK ; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED at 9:17 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy R. Bergner  
Secretary, H-WRSC Meeting