

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: *Larry Swartz* called the meeting to order at 7:18 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.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Larry Swartz

- Emily Madden has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Committee until the spring elections.
- The School Committee will not meet on Nov. 5
- The Hamilton-Wenham Financial Committee will meet on Nov. 18. School Committee members are welcome to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Michael Harvey

- Condolences are extended to the Maio family on the unexpected passing of their daughter Jennifer, a Third Grader at Buker School.
- Counseling resources were provided to the Buker School community; the Maio family has invited the community to donate blood to the American Red Cross, in Jennifer's memory. Orange "We Stand Together" wristbands will be distributed in Buker School classrooms, with an opportunity to donate \$1 toward the Jennifer Maio Memorial Fund.
- League of Women Voters has invited Dr. Harvey to discuss the Masterplan and Executive summary at their meeting of November 12 at 7 PM.
- Fall Musical *The Addams Family* showing on October 30 and October 31.

- There is a forum on the opiate crisis in MA on Nov. 10 at the Ipswich Performing Arts Center, hosted by Representative Brad Hill.
- Jeff Sands has been working to revise the Grounds Maintenance and General Cleanup Agreement between the towns and the schools.
- Jeff Sands has reached out to Hamilton Town Administrator Peter Lombardi requesting exploration of options other than Winthrop School for a town voting site.
- State of MA is exploring an option beyond PARCC and MCAS: the development of an MCAS 2.0, in cooperation with PARCC, allowing the state to retain more control over assessment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of October 15, 2015 [Exhibit A]
- Acceptance of Donations [Exhibit B]
 - Essex National Heritage Commission Exhibit B1

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15 [EXHIBIT A] AS AMENDED.

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

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE COMMISSION IN EXHIBIT B1.

Motion by DEBORAH EVANS; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation from Powers and Sullivan on FY2015 Audit [Exhibit C]

Discussion
- Ed Topic: Technology Programs Review-1:1 Update [Exhibit D]

Presented by Principal Eric Tracy

Discussion
- Vote on MASC Resolutions [Exhibit E]

Discussion

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 1—REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL STARTING TIMES.

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 2—REGARDING POVERTY AND CHILDREN.

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 3—TYING TEST SCORES TO CHAPTER 70 FUNDING.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DEBORAH EVANS

Discussion

1 in favor; 3 opposed.

THE MOTION DID NOT PASS

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 4—SUPPORT FOR AN EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DEBORAH EVANS

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 5—TAX REFORM BALLOT QUESTION.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DEBORAH EVANS

Discussion

0 in favor; 3 opposed; 3 abstentions

THE MOTION DID NOT PASS

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 6—MEMBERSHIP OF A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DEBORAH EVANS

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT MASC RESOLUTION 7—RELATIVE TO THE TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD ASSESSMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DENNIS HURLEY

Discussion

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

- Vote to approve Custodial Contract [Exhibit F]

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE CUSTODIAL CONTRACT AS PRESENTED AS EXHIBIT F.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DENNIS HURLEY
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

- Vote to approve Office Personnel Contract [Exhibit G]

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE OFFICE PERSONNEL CONTRACT PRESENTED AS EXHIBIT G.

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY

Discussion

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

- Policy Review—1st Reading Restraint Policy [Exhibit H]

Discussion

Discussion of relationship between School Committee and the Financial Committee of the Towns.

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

Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by HANNAH FRALEY

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AT 9:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy R. Bergner
Secretary, H-WRSC Meeting