

**HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2015
7:15 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: *Larry Swartz* called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm in the Buker Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Jeanise Bertrand, Deborah Evans, Hannah Fraley, Dennis Hurley, Stacey Metternick, Larry Swartz, Emily Madden

Also present: Michael Harvey, Celeste Bowler, Jeff Sands, Kerrienne Heppner (Student Representative)
Nancy Bergner, (Secretary)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

I. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- A. *Statement of concerns about MCAS/PARCC from citizen/educator working in a school district which used PARCC. Strongly urges the SC to vote to remain with MCAS.*
- B. *Michelle Bailey re: PARCC/MCAS. Urges the SC to remain with MCAS*

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Attended the History Fair and the Winthrop Arts Fair. SC members are encouraged to attend events such as these, which showcase the creativity and quality of education in our district.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to Ray Pape, English faculty member at H-WRSH, whose article, *Preparing Our Close Readers for the New Literacies*. has been published in the November 2015 issues of English Journal. December 14th's Hour of Code for Middle and High School built interest in coding. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzKx9J2mh-o&feature=youtu.be> for a quick view of this great event.

Ed Camp professional development session for faculty offered last Wednesday.

Congratulations to MRMS students honored by Hamilton Rotary Club as Students of the Month.

- A. Superintendent's Recommended FY17 Budget Presentation Exhibit A
 - 1. 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan included in presentation
discussion

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – December 3, 2015 Exhibit B
- B. Ski Club – Ski Trips 2016 Exhibit C

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE ALL OF THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE

CONSENT AGENDA. THERE SHALL BE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OR AMENDMENT OF THIS MOTION.

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

C. MCAS or PARCC Test Administration for 2016
discussion

Exhibit F

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE PARCC TEST ADMINISTRATION FOR THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by JEANISE BERTRAND.
5 FOR; 0 OPPOSED; 2 ABSTENTIONS**

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Communications: Deb Evans
- B. Planning: Deb Evans
- C. Policy: Dennis Hurley

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donations

Exhibit D

1. Friends of Buker School - \$1,983.00.
2. Donation to MRMS from Hutchinson Family - \$500 (Donated Celtics Tickets)
3. Hamilton House of Pizza - \$200
4. Anonymous - \$100

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE ALL THE DONATIONS LISTED IN EXHIBIT D [FROM FRIENDS OF BUKER SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1983.00, THE DONATION TO MRMS OF \$500 WORTH OF DONATED CELTICS TICKETS FROM THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY, THE DONATION OF \$200 FROM HAMILTON HOUSE OF PIZZA, AND THE ANONYMOUS DONATION OF \$100].

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DEB EVANS.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

B. Vote for School Improvement Plan

Exhibit G

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by Hannah Fraley.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE WARRANT AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT E FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by JEANISE BERTRAND.
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED***

MOTION: I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE) AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (EXECUTIVE SESSION PURPOSE #2).

**Motion by STACEY METTERNICK; seconded by DEB EVANS.
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE AT 9:45 PM***

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy R. Bergner
Secretary, H-WRSC Meeting