

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 3, 2015
To: School Committee Members
From: Michael Harvey, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Wednesday, June 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Larry Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Buker Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Larry Swartz, Deb Evans, Jeanise Bertrand, Hannah Fraley, and Roger Kuebel.
Absent: Stacey Metternick and Dennis Hurley
Also present: Michael Harvey and Celeste Bowler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

CITIZENS CONCERNS

There were no citizen concerns.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Congratulations to class of 2015. Great achievements in arts, academics, and athletics by our students. Candlelight on Thursday; Sunday is graduation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING STAFF MEMBERS

Jean Bailey, Anne Stabler, Jan Lee, Kathy Butler, Connie Hoar all retired and were thanked for their many years of service to the district's students and families.

B. Winthrop School: Bird mites, school cleaned extensively inside and out. School reopened.

C. Awards students have received: Rachael Holappa and Madison Poore received 3rd place in the MA State Science Fair; MRMS students won a gold medal for their original production "Inside the Lines"; additionally acting All-Star, Costume, Lighting, and Stage Manager awards were given to the 6, 7, and 8th grade students; Danielle Petrucci MRMS delivered an outstanding speech to the Samaritans annual meeting; numerous students received national awards 5 gold, 23 Silver, and 28 Bronze, and 73 Honorable Mentions for the national Spanish exam.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2015 (Exhibit A)

B. EDFUND GRANT – LEARNING COMMONS (Exhibit B)

Larry removed the EdFund grant for the purpose of hearing a presentation.

MOTION: Deb Evans moved THAT THE HW REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE ALL OF THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OR AMENDMENT OF THIS MOTION.

Approved unanimously.

Heidi Hebert presented the EdFund Grant received for Learning Commons. She received a \$15,000 grant to create a learning commons area at the Cutler School.

Deb Evans moved that the Hamilton-Wenham School Committee approve the EdFund grant to create a Learning Commons space at the Cutler School.

Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION FROM NATIONAL HISTORY DAY FINALISTS

Kristen Borges presented the 15 students who placed in the MA National History Day competition and will move on to the national competition in Washington, DC.

B. PRESENTATION FROM LISA CHENEY, BIRTH TO 3 COORDINATOR

Presented her organization of Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) of Hamilton, Wenham, and Manchester. A major theme is local family-focused programming and services to support parents and families as their child's first teacher.

C. VOTE TO RATIFY CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE HWREA

Roger Keubel presented the background on and changes in the new three-year contract including planning time, stipends, health insurance and salary. These increases can be managed within the increases in the overall budget.

MOTION: Deb Evans moved that THE HW REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE TO RATIFY THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON WENHAM REGIONAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Approved unanimously.

Roger Keubel presented his letter of resignation to the school committee after completing his extended term through the contract negotiations. He was thanked for his service.

OLD BUSINESS

A. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2015-16

Some members were absent tonight; more discussion from School Committee retreat. Committee determined they had too many goals. Want to align subcommittees with goals. To be discussed at greater length on future agenda.

B. SIGN SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROTOCOL DOCUMENT (Exhibit E)

Larry summarized the 11 protocols related to individual members of the school committee. The committee agreed to vote and sign the protocol document when all members are present.

Adjournment

MOTION: Deb Evans moved that THE HW REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO ADJOURN

Approved unanimously at 8:52 pm.