

**Medway School Committee
Minutes
January 22, 2009**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the School Committee Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway. School Committee members in attendance included Chairperson Diane Borgatti, Vice Chairperson Debora Trindade, Carole Bernstein, Steven Dahl, Dawn Rice-Norton and Shelley Wieler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Evans, Director of Operations and Finance David Verdolino and Medway Federation of Teachers Representative Michael Regan. The meeting was carried live on cable television.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., noting that all members were present. Ms. Borgatti noted that several members of the finance committee were present to ask the committee questions on the proposed FY10 budget.

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The warrants were reviewed and signed.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

E. REPORT OF STUDENTS

None.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY10 Budget: Members of the finance committee had some questions concerning the proposed FY10 budget. Some of the questions asked were issues related to the middle school elevator, high school maintenance, TRANE, energy related capital projects, cable company grants, special education costs, revised board of selectmen budget guidelines, dollar amount increase associated with salary growth, grants, revolving accounts, FTE's and tuition for prekindergarten and kindergarten.

Ms. Rice-Norton left the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

After further discussion, Mr. Faist and the other members of the finance committee commented that the proposed FY10 budget as submitted by the school department had the perfect level of detail.

Dr. Evans thanked the finance committee for having a representative on the school committee's budget subcommittee noting that this representation helped to shape the format of the budget document. The superintendent noted that all the budget information can be found on the school district's website.

G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Dahl reported that he and Ms. Wieler attended the TRANE subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Rice-Norton reported that the legislature is considering reaffirmation of the community preservation act and the town's open space committee is drafting a letter to the legislature for support.

Ms. Wieler commented that she would like to put that link on the school district's website for any community member who would like to lend support.

Ms. Borgatti noted that the community preservation act helps control town growth, which controls school growth which ultimately controls school costs.

Ms. Rice Norton commented that she had some difficulty with communication as the school committee liaison to other town departments and hoped school committee provided appropriate communication with other liaisons.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Report of the Chairman – Ms. Borgatti noted that the board of selectmen would like to schedule a joint meeting with the school committee, finance committee and union representatives for a state of the town meeting but no specific dates have been scheduled yet.

2. Report of the Superintendent – Dr. Evans reported:

- Senator Spilka is scheduled to speak with Middle School students on Friday, January 23, 2009.
- Ninety fourth graders will be taking the NAEP test the last week of February.
- The Middle School science fair is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4 and some middle school students will present their projects at the February 5 school committee meeting.

I. DISCUSSION –continued

2. Other – Mr. Verdolino noted that requests for quotations for the financing of the TRANE project are done. He explained that the financing is for a significant amount of energy improvements in our buildings and the plan is to arrange for third party financing which pays TRANE and the money realized in energy savings to the district pays back the third party.

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. For Consideration: Approval of Student Overnight Trip to Hyannis, MA, Scheduled for March 11-13, 2009 – Ms. Borgatti noted that Mr. Rojee submitted a request for a student overnight trip for members of the high school student council to Hyannis, MA for the annual MASC leadership conference. Mr. Pearson approved of this student trip.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Dahl, that the school committee grant approval for the student overnight trip to Hyannis, MA scheduled for March 11-13, 2009, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms. Borgatti noted the various information items in committee members' packets, including the staffing sheet.

L. COMMUNICATIONS

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

▪ **FY10 Budget Discussion**

Ms. Trindade reminded the committee of an upcoming musical presentation, funded by SPED PAC, performed by students from The Carroll School, at the Memorial Elementary School.

N. NEXT MEETING – All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., in the School Committee Room (across the corridor from the Superintendent's Office), Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston St., Medway, unless otherwise noted. The next regular school committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**

O. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was a need to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations as they relate to union and/or non-union personnel.

Moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Wieler, that the school committee adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as they relate to union and/or non-union personnel, with the understanding that the committee will not be returning to public session. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Trindade, Ms. Bernstein, Mr. Dahl, Ms. Rice-Norton and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: None.

O. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 p.m., upon approval of the motion, the school committee adjourned to executive session in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston St., Medway.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa
Secretary

Approved: **February 5, 2009**