

**Medway School Committee
Minutes
July 9, 2009**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 6:00 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, Jeffrey DeVolder 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.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., noting that all members were present, except for Ms. Bernstein who was expected to arrive later.

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The warrants were being delivered for committee signature.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None.

E. REPORT OF STUDENTS - None.

F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Trindade reported she attended a recent Board of Selectmen meeting at which bond notes for capital improvements were approved.

Ms. Wieler noted that the Town hired a grant writer and the school department might want to explore the possibility of sharing the grant writer.

Dr. Evans noted that sharing a grant writer to draw on the private sector might be helpful but grants written for the school department are educational specific and require someone with educational experience.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Report of the Chairman

Ms. Borgatti noted:

- The Finance Committee's liaison to the school committee;
- Some donations made to the school department;
- The Town's 300th year anniversary celebration.

▪ **Set School Committee Goals** - The school committee discussed possible goals, which included: communication with the public, policy development, educational leadership and fiscal management. The committee decided it would discuss the goals in greater detail at its workshop meeting on July 21st.

At 6:25 p.m., Ms. Bernstein arrived.

2. Report of the Superintendent

The superintendent noted:

- She placed a summer message up on the district website;
- Summer activities in the district;
- An anonymous donation;
- The art gallery online website showing artwork of Medway students.

▪ **Discussion of 2009-2010 District Goals: Process and Timeline** - Dr. Evans stated that the development of district goals will continue to be a collaborative process of input from staff, school committee and parents.

Ms. Borgatti recognized Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoban of Holliston Street who brought to the committee's attention the ill-repair of a common pathway which leads from Holliston Street to the McGovern School. Mr. and Mrs. Hoban asked the committee to look into the maintenance of this pathway.

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY2010 Budget: Update - Mr. Verdolino gave a brief review of the Chapter 70 Summary.

2. Trane Project: Update - Mr. Verdolino gave a brief update on the work begun on the project.

3. Other - Mr. Verdolino noted that Millis Public Schools has contracted with Chartwells Food Service and Millis and Medway will be sharing the services of Manager Eli Norris.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. For Consideration: Everyday Math Phased Program Implementation - Ms. Borgatti noted the superintendent's proposal for the Everyday Math implementation process.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Wieler, that the school committee approve the implementation process for Everyday Math, as outlined in Dr. Evans' memorandum, dated July 6, 2009, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

2. Other - None.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Borgatti noted the various information items and communications in committee members' packets.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Appointment of Voting Delegate to M.A.S.C. Annual Business Meeting**
- **School Committee Goal Development**
- **School District Goals for 2009-2010**

L. 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 is **Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room.**

N. 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. Wieler, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, 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. DeVolder and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: None.

O. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 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: **August 6, 2009**