

**Medway School Committee
Minutes
October 15, 2009**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, October 15, 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, Jeffrey DeVolder and Shelley Wieler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Evans, Assistant Superintendent David Verdolino and Medway Federation of Teachers Representative Megan Boland. Student Advisory Council Representative Amanda Presswood was also present.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting that all members were present, except for Ms. Bernstein who was expected to arrive shortly.

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The warrants were being delivered for committee signature.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. For Consideration: Approval of Addition of High School Girls Ice Hockey Team – Ms. Borgatti noted that the addition of this team was discussed at the October 1st meeting and is now being brought forward for approval. Mr. Pearl gave a brief update on the progress of establishing the team.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Trindade, that the school committee approve the adoption of a high school girls ice hockey team, with the understanding that there is no obligation or expectation that the district will assume any costs for the program; it is further understood that the athletic fee required for participation on the girls' ice hockey team will be considered outside the family cap for athletic fees, as recommended by the superintendent.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None.

F. REPORT OF STUDENTS

Amanda Presswood reported that the senior boat cruise was a great success.

At approximately 7:05 p.m., Ms. Bernstein arrived.

- **Student Report: Grade 6 Environmental Trip** – Megan Boland and grade six students presented a brief report and slideshow of the September environmental trip.

G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Trindade reported she attended a recent Board of Selectmen meeting at which items discussed included: the recent parking lot repair at the middle school, facilities study committee, H-1-N-1 clinic, and the CIPC meeting.

Ms. Wieler reported that ESCO members participated in a tour of the middle school building to review visible updates by Trane.

Ms. Bernstein noted she attend the recent parent/teacher night at the high school.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Report of the Chairman - Ms. Borgatti noted there was a recent joint meeting of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and CIPC to activate the school building committee.

Ms. Borgatti also noted that at the upcoming November 16th town meeting there would be a warrant article for the consideration of moving forward with the MSBA project at the middle school.

2. Report of the Superintendent – The superintendent reported the following:

- The district received a letter from the Medway Housing Authority thanking high school students for their community service.
- The Medway Board of Health has plans to run H-1-N-1 vaccination clinics with the focus on school-age children.
- She attended a recent parents meeting at the middle school on Everyday Math, which was very informative.
- At last week's professional day, some the activities included workshops on autism and Everyday Math.
- Mr. Verdolino has initiated a grade configuration study in reference to school start and end times.

• **Report on Special Education** – Lauren Fain gave a brief summary of her written report to the School Committee.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. For Discussion: Budget Priorities – Dr. Evans gave a brief review of the FY2010 budget priorities accomplishments and proposed a FY2011 budget priorities list, noting that the list was in the development stage.

2. Update on Solar Project Contract - Mr. Verdolino provided a brief summary of his recommendation to grant a tentative award of the solar project contract to Broadway Electrical Co., Inc. of Boston, MA and referred committee members to supporting materials.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Bernstein, that the school move that the school committee accept the recommendation of its consultant, Beacon Integrated Solutions, for the procurement of a solar PV system under a power purchase agreement, for Medway High School, and tentatively award a contract therefore to Broadway Electrical Co., Inc. of Boston, MA; subject to negotiations to be conducted by the assistant superintendent, hereby duly authorized; and subject to final award of the school committee at its earliest practicable future meeting; as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

3. Other – None.

J. ACTION ITEMS - continued

1. For Consideration: Set School Choice Enrollment Capacity for Second Round Section – Ms. Borgatti noted that Chapter 76, Section 12 B (j) mandates a random selection process for school choice selection, “...one time prior to July first and one time prior to November first...” The chair also noted an analysis for committee members to review.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, that the school committee establish its school choice capacity for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the superintendent in the School Choice Analysis, dated October 15, 2009; with the understanding that an exception may be made in a case where a family living in town relocates and requests that their child remain in Medway Public Schools; provided the superintendent determines there is adequate space in the classroom, and as long as there is no other child on the waiting list for the grade in question.

3. Other – None.

K. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Borgatti noted some of the information and communication items in committee members’ packets.

Mr. Marble of the Finance Committee noted there would be an open public meeting on the warrants for the upcoming town meeting on November 9th.

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **New Teacher Reception: November 12, 2009**
- **Superintendent’s Award of Academic Excellence**
- **Proposal for Memorial School Plaque**

M. NEXT MEETING – In the School Committee Room (across the corridor from the Superintendent’s Office), Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston St., Medway.

- **Regular Meeting: November 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.**

N. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no need for an executive session, at 9:30 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Wieler, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa
Secretary

Approved: **November 5, 2009**