

**Medway School Committee  
Minutes  
November 12, 2009**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 12, 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 Mike Regan. Student Advisory Council Representative Amanda Presswood was also present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., noting that all members were present, except for Ms. Bernstein.

**B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

The warrants were being delivered for committee signature.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.**

**D. REPORT OF STUDENTS**

- **High School Student Presentation: Project Lead the Way** – High School teacher Joan Hallett and students gave a brief presentation on the pre-engineering program and recent project.

- **Superintendent's Award of Academic Excellence** – Dr. Evans introduced senior Erica Krist as the 2009 recipient of the Superintendent's Award of Academic Excellence and congratulated her and her family.

Amanda reported that Homecoming was last week and everything went well.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None.**

**F. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Trindade reported she attended a recent building committee meeting.

Ms. Wieler reported she attended a recent tour of the middle school facility to review some of the Trane projects. She also noted that at the upcoming town meeting there would be a warrant article for a feasibility study for a project that could not be addressed by Trane.

**G. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**1. Report of the Chairman**

Ms. Borgatti noted there were two school department warrant articles for the upcoming town meeting: one for the middle school feasibility study and one for the

solar panels project. She also noted she was waiting for confirmation of a joint meeting with the board of selectmen and finance committee on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Borgatti also noted that school committee members received an Ed Reform Fact Sheet. She also noted the upcoming Memorial School Plaque Ceremony on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. Report of the Superintendent**

- **Technology Report: Richard Boucher** – Mr. Boucher gave a brief presentation on the new parent portal. He also noted he was developing a technology needs plan for FY2011 with administrators.
- **Metro West Health Survey Results** – School Nurse Coordinator Linda Corridan and High School Guidance Counselor Dorothy Pearl gave a brief presentation on the results of the Metro West Health Survey and a proposed revision to the district wellness policy.
- **DESE Growth Model** – Dr. Evans gave a brief presentation on the new MCAS Growth Model that measures student performance at all levels, provides evidence of improvement among low-achieving students, and gives high-achieving students and schools a goal beyond proficiency.

## **H. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. For Discussion: Budget Priorities** – Dr. Evans noted that the Governor announced the first round of state cuts and the Budget Subcommittee would be meeting soon to start budget prioritizing.
- 2. Other** – None.

## **I. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. First Reading: School Wellness Policy (Policy #69)** – Ms. Borgatti noted that last spring, the Wellness Policy Revision Committee, comprised of School Nurse Coordinator Linda Corridan, Dawn Rice-Norton, teachers and parents, reviewed and revised the previous policy. The proposed revised version was before the committee for a first reading. No votes were taken.
- 2. For Consideration: Award of Solar Project Contract Between Medway Public Schools and Broadway Electrical Co., Inc. of Boston, MA** – Ms. Borgatti noted that this action item was tabled at the November 5 meeting. At the October 15 meeting, the school committee voted to tentatively award the solar project contract to Broadway Electrical Co., Inc. of Boston and authorized the assistant superintendent to enter into contract negotiations. Contract negotiations are complete and Mr. Verdolino provided a copy of the draft contract for committee review at the November 5 meeting.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. DeVolder, seconded by Ms. Wieler, that the school committee award the contract for the solar project to Broadway Electrical Co., Inc. of Boston, MA, and authorize the assistant superintendent to execute said solar project contract between Medway Public Schools and Broadway Electrical Co., Inc., subject to Town Meeting approval, if applicable. All voted in favor.

**3. Other – None.**

**J. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- **School Improvement Plans Results**
- **Student Drop Off & Pick Up At Burke/Memorial School**

**L. NEXT MEETING** – The next regular school committee meeting will be Thursday, December 3, 2009, 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. Ms. Borgatti also noted the upcoming Town Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> and the proposed joint meeting with the board of selectmen and finance committee on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no need for an executive session, at 9:25 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Trindade , seconded by Ms. Wieler, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa  
Secretary

Approved: **January 7, 2010**