

**Medway School Committee
Minutes
January 21, 2010**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 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 Michael Regan. Student Advisory Council Representative Amanda Presswood was also present.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:07 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

Michael Regan noted that former Medway High School student Pete Carmichael was a coach for the New Orleans Saints football team and encouraged everyone to watch the football game on the weekend.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Energy Projects: Update

James MacLean gave a brief summary of his report of the status of the Trane project.

Mr. Verdolino gave a brief summary of the Trane project financial summary and gave a brief update on the solar panel project at the high school.

Beth Greenblatt, of Beacon Integrated Solutions, also gave a brief update of the solar panel project at the high school. Ms. Greenblatt and Mr. Verdolino also gave a brief update on the possibility of a similar project at the middle school.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, to approve the minutes of the **January 7, 2010**, as amended. All voted in favor.

F. REPORT OF STUDENTS

Amanda Presswood reported that the student council has created a project to collect slight worn clothes which would be brought to a second hand clothing store and the proceeds from the sale of this clothing would be sent to the people of Haiti.

G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Trindade reported she attended a recent Finance Committee meeting at which the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer were in attendance and spoke about revenue projections, certification of free cash, five-year forecast, and the Munis system.

Ms. Trindade also reported she attended a recent CIPC meeting at which issues discussed included this year's plan and a five-year capital outlay plan.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Report of the Chairman – Ms. Borgatti noted the following:

- School Committee members should contact Dr. Evans to schedule an appointment prior to sending Ms. Borgatti information relative to the superintendent's interim evaluation.
- Medway Public Schools has officially signed on to the Race to the Top Grant.
- The Budget Subcommittee has decided not to schedule another meeting until the Governor's budget has been announced.
- The Medway Foundation for Education is hosting a Trivia Bee on February 25th; the school committee is sponsoring a team.
- The high school is hosting an event entitled, "Be a Parent Not A Pal" and "Taylor's Message about understanding social host laws, scheduled for February 4th.
- Volunteers are needed for this year's after-prom party.

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

- She and Mr. Verdolino attended a M.A.S.S. mid-year meeting at which the Commissioner of Education attended and the panel spoke about school finance, noting that FY11 Chapter 70 funds were expected to be fully funded.
- The district received a letter from the Medway House Family Shelter thanking the Educational Fund Committee for the recent donation of a new computer and printer.
- Trane is sponsoring "Light Switch Plate Sticker Contest" for students with the prize being a \$1,000 savings bond.
- Dr. Evans attended this evening an Open House at the Community Education Department's Daycare Center
- An Open House for incoming pre-school students for the 2010-2011 school year has been scheduled for February 11th.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS - continued

1. RTTT MOU: Update – Dr. Evans gave a brief summary of the Race to the Top grant program.

3. FY10 Budget Update – Mr. Verdolino gave a brief summary of the status of the FY10 budget noting that the ARRA and IDEA grants' receipt of funds is going to be delayed but he will be able to retroactively charge expenses to the grants as of July 1st.

4. FY11: Proposed Staffing – Dr. Evans gave a brief summary of the FY11 proposed personnel changes referencing her documentation on enrollment projections, district data, teacher data, MCAS comparisons, per pupil expenditures, projected enrollment and grade configurations for 2010-2011.

5. Other – None.

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. For Consideration: Approval of 2010-2011 School Year Calendar – Ms. Borgatti noted that the proposed calendar was reviewed as a first reading at the January 7th meeting.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Wieler, that the school committee adopt the 2010-2010 School Year Calendar, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

2. Other – None.

K. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget Proposal
- Approval of High School Program of Studies
- Final Approval of Student Council Overnight Trip on March 10-12, 2010

M. NEXT MEETING – The next regular school committee meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2010, 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.

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.

It was 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, Mr. DeVolder and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: None.

O. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 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 4, 2010**