

**Medway School Committee  
Minutes  
March 4, 2010**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, March 4, 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, Carole Bernstein, Jeffrey DeVolder and Shelley Wieler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Evans, Assistant Superintendent David Verdolino and Medway Federation of Teachers Representatives Megan Boland and Michael Regan. Student Advisory Council Representative James Davock was also present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m., noting that all members were present.

**B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS** - The warrants were being delivered for committee signature.

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**1. Report of the Superintendent**

▪ **Technology Report** – Richard Boucher presented an update on a technology improvement plan for the district that included improving infrastructural components, services and communication, technology in the classroom, outdated equipment, 21<sup>st</sup> century technology and skills, professional development, and staffing and service levels.

Dr. Evans noted:

- Principal Joanne Senier-LaBarre's retirement.
- The Middle School Building Committee continues to have meetings and is moving forward.
- Winter sports teams did well and congratulated their efforts.
- Memorial School Plaque nominations are now being accepted.
- The recent MFE Trivia Bee was a success and thanked the MFE for its contributions to Medway Public Schools.
- The *Medway Education Express* was mailed out to the community and is up on the website.

The superintendent reviewed the proposed interview process/timeline for the middle school principal position and the two high school dean positions.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Trindade, to approve the minutes of the **February 4, 2010**. All voted in favor.

It was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, to approve the minutes of the **February 11, 2010**. All voted in favor.

## **F. REPORT OF STUDENTS**

James Davock reported:

- There is an upcoming *Banking Basics* high school student seminar.
- The Microfinance Club is hosting free story hours at the Medway Public Library in March.
- High school students are forming a committee to apply to President Obama's RTTT Commencement Challenge.

## **G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Bernstein congratulated the winter sports teams noting that some students participated in Division IV and All State.

Ms. Wieler reported she attended a recent board of selectmen meeting at which items discussed included the Munis program and the creation of a town-wide facility management student committee. Ms. Wieler also noted that Medway Cable Access is updating the cable studio/booth at the high school.

## **H. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - continued**

### **1. Report of the Chairman - Ms. Borgatti noted:**

- The board of selectmen were looking for a school committee member to be appointed to the town-wide facility management study committee. Mr. DeVolder volunteered to be the school committee representative.
- The 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee is up and running.
- The high school musical, *Anything Goes*, is scheduled for performances in March.
- Committee members' evaluations of the superintendent are due.
- The budget subcommittee met on February 23 and is working on several budget scenarios.
- The after-prom committee still needs volunteers.

## **I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. FY10 Budget** – Mr. Verdolino gave a brief update on the FY10 budget status and ARRA funds, noting there were no substantive changes and the budget has been frozen for some time.

**2. Other** – Mr. Verdolino briefly summarized his request for the continued use of Bob Hebden's services. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to continue to retain Bob Hebden's services.

## **J. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. For Consideration: Final Approval for Student Council Overnight Trip** – Ms. Borgatti noted that preliminary approval was granted on January 7, 2010, for the Student Council Annual State Convention Overnight Trip, scheduled for March 10-12, 2010.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Bernstein, that the school committee grant final approval for the Student Council Annual State Convention Overnight Trip, scheduled for March 10-12, 2010, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

**1. For Consideration: Preliminary Approval for Student Trip to Spain and France, April 2011** – Ms. Borgatti noted that Mr. Pearson has submitted a request on behalf of Susan Cecchi and Sharon Guilfoil for a student trip to Spain and France during the April 2011 vacation week.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, that the school committee grant preliminary approval of a student trip to Spain and France during the April 2011 vacation week, with final approval contingent upon the superintendent receiving no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled trip departure date all logistical details, as outlined in school committee policy #59, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

**2. For Consideration: Approval of the Expenditure of School Choice Funds for Professional Engineering Services** – Ms. Borgatti noted that Mr. Verdolino presented a letter from Professional Engineering Services, at the February 11, 2010 school committee meeting outlining scope of services detailing five tasks and the cost for engineering services associated with the proposed parking facility at the Burke/Memorial Elementary School. Ms. Borgatti noted, since more problems developed at the Burke/Memorial School and Center Street parking lot, this item be tabled until the Town can further look into the issue. It was the sense of the committee to table discussion.

**4. Other** – None.

#### **K. INFORMATION and COMMUNICATIONS**

It was noted by Ms. Wieler that the solar panel grant in the amount of \$150,000 may be used by any entity (i.e.: PPA third party, such as Broadway Electric) installing solar panels on the middle school roof.

#### **L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Report on Special Education**
- **Report Elementary School Grade Reconfiguration**

**M. NEXT MEETING** – The next regular school committee meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 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** – Ms. Borgatti noted there was a need to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of union negotiations.

It was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, that the school committee adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations as they relate to union personnel, with the understanding that the

committee will not be returning to public session. Voting in favor: Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Trindade, Ms. Bernstein, Mr. DeVolder and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: none.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:10 p.m., upon approval of the motion, the school committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa  
Secretary

Approved: **March 18, 2010**