

**Medway School Committee
Minutes
May 6, 2010**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 6:30 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 was Superintendent Judith Evans.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Borgatti called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., noting that all members were present.

B. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Ms. Wieler, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, with the understanding that the committee would be returning to public session at approximately 7:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Ms. Borgatti, Ms. Trindade, Ms. Bernstein, Mr. DeVolder, and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: none.

C. RECONVENCE IN PUBLIC SESSION

The Medway School Committee reconvened at 7:20 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 Representative Michael Regan. Student Advisory Council Representative James Davock was also present.

D. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS - The warrants were reviewed and signed.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Report of the Superintendent – Dr. Evans introduced new Middle School Principal Armand Pires.

• **Report on Special Education Summer Extended Year Services** - Director of Student Services Lauren Fain gave a report on the plans for the special education summer extended year services. She noted that she had met with SPED PAC, Camp Sunshine members, special education coordinators and staff in the process of developing a new summer program. Ms. Fain reviewed some of the reasons for the revisions to the summer program for 2010. Parents had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the special education summer extended year services at the SPED PAC meeting.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

F. REPORT OF STUDENTS

James Davock noted some upcoming events included the following:

- May 14th is Junior/Senior Prom
- May 15th is Medway High School Alumni Association Annual Banquet
- May 21st is Senior Superlative Night
- May 31 is the senior boat cruise
- June 1st is the senior barbecue and Mr. Medway contest
- June 2nd is graduation practice and scholarship night
- June 3rd is senior trip to Martha's Vineyard
- June 4th is Senior Class Day
- June 6th is Graduation

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, to approve the minutes of **April 15, 2010**, as amended. All voted in favor.

H. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. DeVolder reported he attended a recent Board of Selectmen meeting at which the school department budget was discussed. He noted he invited the selectmen to attend the May 20th school committee meeting at which Broadway will report on the middle school solar project. He reported the last member of the Facilities Management Study Committee was sworn in and, after the town administrator convenes the first meeting, the committee will be under way.

Ms. Wieler reported she attended a Massachusetts School Building Authority meeting noting the designer/architect has been selected. She attended a recent Medway Home & School Association meeting at which policy procedures and implementation of consequences was discussed. After-prom Party student and parent participation was also discussed at the home & school meeting. She also reported she attended a recent Energy Committee meeting at which the committee discussed sharing a booth with the high school's Project Green Club at Medway Pride Day. She also noted the Energy Committee discussed the need for the town and school department to adopt a fuel efficient policy and energy reduction plans.

Ms. Trindade reported she attended a recent Board of Selectmen meeting at which the school department budget was discussed. She also attended the recent SPED PAC meeting.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE - continued

2. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Evans reported that middle school students Brendan Pollock and Amanda Dwyer participated in the Massachusetts Regional Science and Engineering Fair and received clean tech award 2nd and Genzyme Award, placed fourth overall and were entered in the state science and engineering fair.

On April 30th the State House issued an award to Medway Public Schools for excellence in energy and environmental education.

1. Report of the Chairman

Ms. Borgatti reported the committee had reached contract settlements with the teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries and custodians.

Ms. Borgatti noted the anti-bullying law was recently enacted and it mandates an education and professional development component for the school department, which the school department must budget for. Dr. Evans noted some anti-bullying is part of the Open Circle classroom and is in a small portion of the health curriculum. Dr. Evans noted she attended a meeting with area superintendents and she is staying on top of the anti-bullying topic.

- **Evaluation of Superintendent** – Ms. Borgatti noted the committee needs to meet in executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. After discussion, the committee agreed to meet on May 13th, at 7:30 p.m., in executive session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation.

Ms. Borgatti also noted that Franklin was coordinating a regional meeting of area school committees on May 19th and attendance was optional.

There is a pre-town meeting held by the Town Moderator on May 26th, at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall.

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Memorial School Plaque Nominations – Ms. Borgatti noted the nominees for the memorial school plaque were Michael V. Bhatia, Johnny T. (John) Kubitza, Barbara Ohanian, Allan G. Osborne, Ruth L. Osborne, and Paul J. Desimone. No votes were taken.

2. Other – None.

K. ACTION ITEMS

1. For Consideration: Student Athletic Fees (Policy #15) – Ms. Borgatti noted that this policy requires the school committee to set the interscholastic fees and family cap no later than the last school committee meeting in June.

Ms. Wieler, Ms. Borgatti and Ms. Bernstein invoked the rule of necessity as they each have a child who may participate in student athletics.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Wieler, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, that the school committee not increase the student athletic fees or family cap for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

1. For Consideration: Fee Structure for After School Activities (Policy #71) – Ms. Borgatti noted that this policy also requires the school committee to review the student fees on an annual basis.

Ms. Trindade, Ms. Wieler, Ms. Bernstein and Ms. Borgatti invoked the rule of necessity as they each have a child who may participate in after-school activities.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. DeVolder, seconded by Ms. Bernstein, that the school committee not increase the student activity fees for the 2010-2011 school year, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

2. For Consideration: Appointment of School District Physician for the period of September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 – Ms. Borgatti stated that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 53, the school committee shall appoint a school physician and assign him/her to the public schools within its jurisdiction. Dr. Wendy Collins is being recommended again for the 2010-2011 school year at the same stipend she received last year.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Wieler, that the school committee appoint Wendy Collins, M.D., as School District Physician for the period September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011, at a stipend of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per year, in total, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

3. For Consideration: Approval of Expanded Kindergarten Transportation – Ms. Borgatti referred committee members to the recommendation from Mr. Verdolino, noting this action requires yearly approval.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, that the school committee authorize the expansion of busing for virtually all kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year only, as recommended by the assistant superintendent and the superintendent, with the understanding that there will be no extra cost to the district and that a continuation will be voted on each year. All voted in favor.

4. For Consideration: Authorization for Assistant Superintendent to Execute Contracts – Ms. Borgatti referred committee members to a memorandum from Mr. Verdolino.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Trindade, seconded by Ms. Wieler, that the school committee authorize the assistant superintendent to execute contracts for the purchase of natural gas, electricity and related consulting service for up to three years, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, as recommended by the superintendent. All voted in favor.

6. Other – None.

L. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Election of Officers
- Update on Elementary School Reconfiguration
- Review of School Committee Activity Schedule
- Athletics Account
- Final Update on 2009-2010 District Goals

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

- **Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent’s evaluation: May 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Regular Meeting: May 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.**

O. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 9:40 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Wieler, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa
Secretary

Approved: **July 8, 2010**