

**Medway School Committee  
Minutes  
May 20, 2010**

The Medway School Committee held a meeting on Thursday, May 20, 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, Debora Trindade, Carole Bernstein, Jeffrey DeVolder and Shelley Wieler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Judith Evans and Medway Federation of Teachers Representative Michael Regan. Student Advisory Council Representatives Amanda Presswood and James Davock were also present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**1. Roll Call**

Dr. Evans called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., noting that all members were present.

**2. Election of Officers**

The superintendent noted that this was an organizational meeting and she would chair until a new chairperson was elected. The new chairperson would then hold elections for all other officers. The superintendent called for nominations for chairperson.

It was moved by Ms. Borgatti, seconded by Ms. Wieler, to elect Ms. Trindade as chairperson for the coming year. All voted in favor.

Ms. Wieler and Ms. Trindade thanked Ms. Borgatti for chairing for the past year.

Ms. Trindade called for nominations for vice chairperson.

It was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Wieler, to elect Mr. DeVolder as vice chairperson for the coming year. All voted in favor.

- **Appointment of School Committee Secretary** – Ms. Trindade noted that the position of school committee secretary has always been a separate position and not part of the job description for the executive secretary to the superintendent of schools. She noted that Ms. Villa has indicated she would continue in that role if the committee so wishes. Ms. Villa's compensation would be at the same rate per hour she receives in her position as executive secretary to the superintendent of schools.

It was moved by Ms. Borgatti, seconded by Mr. DeVolder, to appoint Carol Villa as school committee secretary. All voted in favor.

**B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

The warrants were signed by committee members.

## **C. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Middle School Solar Project: Broadway Electric** – Beth Greenblatt, Jonathan Wienslaw and Jeff Wootan of Broadway Electric gave a brief presentation and answered questions on the upcoming middle school solar panel project and gave a brief overview of the high school project. Some of the topics covered included: systems sizing and configuration; system layout, tax incentives, potential risks and benefits.

## **D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- 1. Public Comments** – None.
- 2. Liaison Reports** – None.

## **E. REPORT OF STUDENTS**

James Davock reported that the junior/senior prom was held at Christina's in Foxoboro and it was a great event. He noted that senior superlative night was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **F. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**1. Report of the Chairman** – Ms. Trindade stated the superintendent's evaluation would be deferred to the next meeting because there was no live cable broadcast for the meeting.

- **School Committee Liaisons and Subcommittees** – Ms. Trindade asked committee members to review the liaison list and job responsibility list and to advise her of which liaison position they wished to hold.

**2. Report of the Superintendent** - Dr. Evans reported:

- She attended a MASS spring meeting, which was devoted to bullying and cyberbullying.
- The district received a \$250 prom safety grant from the Norfolk District Attorney's office.
- Chartwell's is hosting another dinner on May 27.
- Medway High School junior Taylor Brown was selected to the Massachusetts Art All-State.
- Medway Pride Day was a success and she thanked its organizers.
- The junior/senior prom was a success and she thanked the students, faculty members and After-Prom Committee members.
- She is in the processing of hiring a new middle school assistant principal.
- She has met with Suzanne Kennedy and members of the DPW to review repairs to some of the parking areas at the middle school, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- She has been meeting regularly with the municipal team re: MUNIS.

- **Finalize 2010-2011 School Committee Activity Schedule** – Dr. Evans suggested some revisions to the time frame for various action items and suggested the school committee set the activity schedule for the coming year at a summer workshop meeting. It was the consensus of the committee to set the activity schedule at a summer meeting.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. 2010-2011 School Year Calendar: Revision** – Dr. Evans noted that since the settlement of the teachers' contract there was a need for some slight changes to the previously voted upon 2010-2011 school year calendar. The superintendent reviewed the revisions. No votes were taken.

**2. Other** – None.

**H. ACTION ITEMS** – None.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – None.

**J. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. DeVolder reported he attended a recent Facilities Study Committee meeting at which the selectmen clarified its direction.

Ms. Wieler reported the Energy Committee shared a booth with the high school Project Green club at Medway Pride Day. She also commended the Medway Home & School Association for being the driving force behind the After-Prom Committee and its hosting of teacher appreciation luncheons.

Ms. Borgatti reported she attend a meeting of school committees from area towns at which a SPED Funding Model Resolution was discussed.

Ms. Bernstein thanked the After-Prom Committee for all its hard work, noting that the hypnotist at the event was very entertaining and enjoyed by the students.

Ms. Trindade reported she attended a recent Health Advisory Committee meeting at which physical health and programs were discussed and a parent education night on the new Wellness Policy was suggested. She also reported she attended a recent SPED PAC meeting at which State Representative Thomas Sannicandro spoke about the recent changes to state law and rights for students with disabilities.

**K. INFORMATION ITEMS and COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Approval of Student Handbooks**
- **Superintendent's Evaluation**
- **Final Update on 2009-2010 District Goals**
- **Revision of 2010-2011 School Year Calendar**
- **Energy Contract with Broadway Electric Review**
- **Health Advisory Council Report**
- **Memorial School Plaque Nominations**
- **Athletic Revolving Account Report**
- **Preparation for Annual Town Meeting**

**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: June 3, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.**

**N. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Trindade noted there was a need for an executive session.

It was moved by Ms. Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Borgatti, to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel, with the understanding that it would not be returning to public session. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Ms. Trindade, Mr. DeVolder, Ms. Bernstein, Ms. Borgatti and Ms. Wieler. Voting opposed: none.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 9:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Villa  
Secretary

Approved: **July 8, 2010**