

WOBURN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Woburn School Committee was held on December 11, 2017 at the Joyce Middle School Conference Room, 55 Locust Street, Woburn, MA, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

There was a moment of silence for Audrey Jachton.

ROLL CALL – Ms. Chisholm-Present, Mr. Demers-Present, Mr. Kisiel-Present, Mr. Metters-Present, Mr. Mulrenan-Present, Dr. Wells-Present and Chairman Crowley-Present.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS – There were none.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – The Parent University is this Thursday. Progress reports are this Friday. Winterfest is this Wednesday.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Ms. Joanne Young, 5 Markham Street came before the members advocating for Dr. Crowley as Superintendent. Ms. Jennifer Jones, 4 Sherman Terrace spoke about the search for a new Superintendent. She hoped for an open and thorough process. She thanked the members for the survey opportunity.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON – Mr. Concannon was present. He came before the members to extend best wishes from the City Council in his upcoming retirement.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF

WMHS Best Buddies

Mr. Donovan invited Mr. Skeffington and Mr. Lapon to come before the members. They each spoke about their experiences in running Best Buddies.

WMHS Alternative Education

Mr. Donovan introduced members of the Alternative Education Program from WMHS. Students spoke about their experiences.

Tim Lawton, Recreation Liaison

Mr. Lawton was unable to attend.

WMHS School Improvement Plan

Jessica Callanan, WMHS Principal gave her presentation of the high school's School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Mulrenan made a motion to accept the School Improvement Plan. All were in favor. Ms. Callanan thanked Mr. Donovan and wished him well in his retirement.

Director of Special Education, Kim Lawrence

Ms. Lawrence attended to speak to costs in regards to special education out of district services.

Dr. Wells asked that Ms. Lawrence put together the list of numbers and send to city Council for informational purposes.

Superintendent Search Update

Ms. Crowley gave an update on what's happening in regards to the search. There was some discussion on the low number of candidates that have applied.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

List of Bills –

Mr. Metters said they met and reviewed the List of Bills. Dr. Wells made a motion to approve. It was seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Balance of Accounts –

Mr. Metters said they met and reviewed the Balance of Accounts. Dr. Wells made a motion to approve. It was seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Resource Utilization Subcommittee – Dr. Wells said they did not meet.

Personnel Subcommittee – Ms. Chisholm said they have not met.

Communication and Curriculum Subcommittee – Mr. Mulrenan referred to Dr. Wells since

Mr. Mulrenan could not attend. They had a tour of the Alternative Education Program. They learned about Odyssey software. They spoke of the two summer school programs. They talked about Freshman Orientation.

Policy Subcommittee – Mr. Kisiel said they will be meeting soon.

Student Services and Achievements – Mr. Demers said they have not met.

CORRESPONDENCE –

WCEF's educator grant application process is open.

Mr. Demers presented Mr. Donovan with a citation from the House of Representatives for his retirement.

Ms. Crowley gave Mr. Donovan a gift on behalf of the School Committee members.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

EXECUTIVE SESSION –


Mr. Mulrenan made a motion was made to enter into executive session for an update on a teacher grievance.

ROLL CALL – Ms. Chisholm-Not Present, Mr. Demers-Yes, Mr. Kisiel-Yes, Mr. Metters-Yes, Mr. Mulrenan-Yes, Dr. Wells-Yes and Chairman Crowley-Yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Hegarty

Recording Secretary