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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

High School  
December 4, 2007

Members Present: Chairman Kastrinelis, Mrs. Albert, Mrs. Conner, Mr. D'Amore, Mrs. Corradino, Ms. Blades, Dr. Treado, Mr. Atwood and Mrs. Moran

Also Present: Dr. Livingston, Dr. Hart and Ms. McWilliams

Call to Order: Chairman Kastrinelis called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. The majority vote was 4.0. Dr. Treado arrived at 8:20 p.m. and the majority vote changed to 4.6.

Chairman Kastrinelis requested the Central Services Office to copy all emails pertaining to and from the School Committee and to bring those to the meetings on a bimonthly basis for anyone that would like to review them.

Minutes

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to accept and file the minutes of November 6, 2007. Motion carried. (for: Conner, Albert, Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino)(abstained: Blades, Atwood)(for: 6.0)(abstained: 1.9)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Ms. Blades and seconded by Mrs. Conner to amend the minutes of November 20, 2007 to state that Ms. Blades said, "for the record the Superintendent was not authorized to sign the Business Manager's contract". Motion failed. (for: Blades)(opposed: Conner, Atwood, Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino,)(abstained: Albert)(for: 1.1)(opposed: 6.0)(abstained: .8)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept and file the minutes of November 20, 2007. Motion carried. (for: Conner, Atwood, Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino)(opposed: Blades)(abstained: Albert)(for: 6.0)(opposed: 1.1)(abstained: .8)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Moran to accept and file the Finance Subcommittee minutes of November 6, 2007. Motion carried. (for: Conner, Albert, Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Moran, Atwood, Corradino)(opposed: Blades)(for: 6.8)(abstained: .1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to accept and file the Finance Subcommittee minutes of November 20, 2007. Motion carried. (for: Conner, Atwood, Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino)(opposed: Blades)(abstained: Albert)(for: 6.0)(opposed: 1.1)(abstained: .8)

Presentations

Middle and High School Landscaping

The West Newbury Garden Club, Harvey Ing, Boy Scouts of West Newbury, Susan Sexton and Rogers Spring Hill Garden & Farm Center Inc. were recognized for the donations of their time, labor, design, trees, shrubs and supplies for the middle and high school grounds.

#### Presentations

##### School Councils – Principals

The principals were present with members from their School Councils to present their budgetary needs that may influence the development of the FY09 school budget. There were minimal staffing requests. All schools requested funding for professional development. Dr. Livingston suggested that the dollars that are in this year's FY08 budget for technology (approximately \$150,000) could be devoted to the FY09 budget for the purpose of professional development.

##### Foreign Language Task Force – Dr. Hart and Mrs. Collins

Dr. Hart, Mrs. Collins and members of the Foreign Language Task Force were present to report to the Committee on their results and recommendations from investigating foreign language offerings in other school districts, surveyed students, and work groups held specifically focused on various aspect of foreign language instruction and offerings.

Ms. Blades left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The majority vote changed to 4.0.

#### New Business

##### Budget – Current Staffing Salaries

Members received the various formats that were agreed upon giving the detail for our FY08 staff moving forward for FY09 salaries. The Committee will receive a complete budget on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

##### Superintendent Evaluation and Goals

The Superintendent's evaluation will be discussed at the next business meeting.

#### Bylaws

##### Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve the bylaws as submitted. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

##### SBA Master Plan

Members received information from the Mass School Building Authority's website on approved projects. PRSD is listed in the planning state. The power point presentation given to their Board at their meeting was also enclosed. Our contact person for this region of the State is Sean Walsh. Dr. Livingston recommended that the School Committee Capital Planning Subcommittee schedule a first meeting on their own to discuss the project and the needs of the schools for the FY09 budget and then to reach out to the capital planning committees in each of our three communities.

##### Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mr. Atwood to have the School Committee Capital Planning Subcommittee have a joint meeting with the Capital Committees of each town to have an initial discussion to look at the buildings. There was an amendment to have the Chairman invite the Chairman of the Selectmen from the three towns to attend the Regional Advisory meeting in January to discuss the funding. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

#### Donations to Page School

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the donation for the Page School from the PTO in the amount of \$19,462 to benefit the students and the programming at the school. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

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Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the donation for the Page School from the PTO for the purposes of a fifth grade field trip and an instrumental music teacher's computer in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Out of State Field Trip

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to approve the Page School fifth grade trip to the Exchange City site in Portsmouth, NH. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Home School Request

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to approve the home school applications brought forth by Dr. Hart. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Adjournment

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Naffah  
Recording Secretary