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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

High School
March 18, 2008

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

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

Call to Order: Chairman Kastrinelis called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. The majority vote was 4.6.

Agenda

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the agenda. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner)(opposed: Blades) (for: 7.9(opposed: 1.1)

Minutes

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the minutes for the March 4, 2008 as edited. On page 2 under negative comments, number 18 was rewritten as follows: "We stated that cuts were improvements / efficiencies rather than that cuts were being made to be fiscally responsible." Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to direct Chairman Kastrinelis to consult with legal counsel on whether or not it is permissible for the School Committee to have a summary of the total number of grievances resolved and unresolved. Motion withdrawn.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mr. Atwood to accept the Finance Subcommittee minutes for the January 30, 2008 meeting. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Albert, Conner)(opposed: Blades) (abstained: Treado)(for: 6.8(opposed: 1.1) (abstained: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mr. Atwood to accept the Finance Subcommittee minutes for the February 12, 2008 meeting. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Albert, Blades, Conner) (abstained: Treado)(for: 7.9)(abstained: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mr. Atwood to accept the Finance Subcommittee minutes for the March 4, 2008 meeting. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Albert, Blades, Conner) (abstained: Treado)(for: 7.9)(abstained: 1.1)

Correspondence

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mrs. Moran to accept and file the correspondence. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner)(opposed: Blades) (for: 7.9(opposed: 1.1)

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Recognition

University Scholars Program

The Committee recognized Colleen Treado and Aalin Bellinger as they have both been nominated to the University Scholars Program sponsored through the University of Massachusetts.

Boston Globe Scholastic Arts/Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival

Several students were recognized by the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards for excellence: Monica Anc, Elysse Costentino, Christina Kelly, Roxanne Muese, and Benjamin Radville. In addition, the following students have received the Judges Choice Award from the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival: Jon Vito, Keith Mosley, Laura Holman, James Freitas, and Colleen Cronin.

Pentucket Indoor Track Team.

The Girls Indoor Track Team was recognized for receiving the Joan Doherty Team Sportsmanship Award.

Presentations

West Newbury Water Easement Study

Scott Wolke from the West Newbury Board of Water Commissioners made a brief presentation on a possible well-site. Chairman Kastrinelis suggested they meet with the Master Plan Committee.

Audit Presentation

Mr. Hingston from Giusti and Hingston discussed the management letter and the FY07 Audit Report. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

New Business

Master Plan Study Update

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to accept the membership list for the Master Planning Committee. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Whittier School Committee Vacancy Merrimac/Groveland

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to appoint Paul Tucker to the Whittier School Committee as a representative from Merrimac.

Paul Tucker from Merrimac has submitted a letter of interest to the Committee to continue his position on the Whittier School Committee. Members would like him to come to the April 15th meeting for a brief discussion.

There is an opening on the Committee for a Groveland member.

Motion/ Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Conner to table the motion. Motion carried. (for: Treado, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Albert, Blades, Conner) (abstained: Kastrinelis)(for: 7.9)(abstained: 1.1)

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Audit Decision

Ms. McWilliams gave members a list of the audit firms that submitted proposals to do the FY08 audit. They were: Sullivan, Rogers and Company, Powers and Sullivan, and Giusti and Hingston. Ms. McWilliams recommend Powers and Sullivan.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to hire Sullivan, Rogers and Company. Motion withdrawn.

Mrs. Moran suggested that Ms. McWilliams seek the opinion of the Financial Control Board on which audit firm to use.

Monthly Financial Report/Fund Balances/Vote FY08 Budget/FY08 Transfer

Members received the Monthly Financial/Fund Balance Report. They were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to vote the FY08 budget. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner)(abstained: Blades) (for: 7.9(abstained: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve transfer # 030408-1:
From: 101.9300.19.0400.000.00.2.00000, Private Special Ed Tuitions District Wide - \$91,628.30
To: 101.9400.19.0400.000.00.2.00000, Special Ed Tuition Collaboratives District Wide - \$91,628.30
Reason: More placements in Collaboratives
Justification: Recent new placements have been in Collaborative, all Purchase Orders have been entered for current private school students.
Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Response to Summer Tennis Program

The Committee discussed the summer tennis program.

School Year 2008 – 2009 Calendar

Members received a draft of the 2008 – 2009 school calendar.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Ms. Blades and seconded by Mrs. Conner to table the discussion on the calendar. Motion failed. (for: Blades)(opposed: Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Corradino, Moran, Treado, Conner, Corradino, Albert)(for: 1.1)(opposed: 7.9)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to have the Superintendent do a survey for the FY10 calendar. This survey would go out to staff, parents, and community members asking them their start date preference, early release or early dismissal preference for professional development, and two vacations (February/April) or one (March). Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Blades, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(abstained: Moran)(for: 7.9)(abstained: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was Mr. Atwood and seconded by Ms. Blades to approve the draft calendar (dates only). There was an amendment to correct Veteran's Day to November 11th. Motion carried. (for: Kastrinelis, D'Amore, Blades, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Moran)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Superintendent's Goals

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to accept the Superintendent's goals for 2007 – 2008. There was an amendment to add an additional goal. It read: "Improve interpersonal skills when dealing with the PRS district employees: including all members of collective bargaining units (custodial, clerical, nurses, teaching, etc.) and school-based administrative staff." Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Ms. Blades and seconded by Mr. Atwood to continue the meeting after 10:00 p.m. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Blades, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Kastrinelis)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Review Visits to Schools

There are two remaining schools with their School Councils and PTA's that have not been visited as planned from the original School Committee Calendar. The Committee decided to visit/tour the middle school and the Sweetsir School in May or September.

Health Insurance

Dr. Livingston informed the Committee that the Insurance Advisory Committee representing our union groups and they have approved a \$5 increase in the copay amounts to a \$10 copay. This means that there will be a savings of \$80,000 but that the budget remains with a \$60,000 shortfall from the planned savings of \$140,000. Dr. Livingston suggested that the Committee take this information along with the high school scheduling once completed and that they review the various FY09 budget options at a future meeting. This will not changed the voted budget bottom line or the assessments to the community.

Conley Workshop

Members received the list of high school staff that will be attending the Conley Workshop.

Policies

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve BEDB Agenda Policy as revised for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve EEAE School Bus Safety Program for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

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Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve EEAEA Bus Driver Examination and Training for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve EEAEA-1 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve EEAEAC Student Conduct on School Buses for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve EFC Free and Reduced Price Food Services for a first reading. Motion carried. (for: Moran, D'Amore, Kastrinelis, Corradino, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Blades)(for: 7.9)(opposed: 1.1)

Adjournment

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Naffah
Recording Secretary