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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

High School
April 15, 2008

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

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

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

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. The majority vote was 4.0. Ms. Blades was absent.

Agenda

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Moran to accept the agenda. Motion carried. (for: Kastrielis, Atwood, D'Amore, Moran, Treado, Albert, Conner)(opposed: Corradino) (for: 6.8(opposed: 1.1)

Minutes

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the minutes for the March 18, 2008 business meeting. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Moran to accept the minutes for the March 18, 2008 finance subcommittee meeting. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the minutes for the April 1, 2008 business meeting. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Moran to accept the minutes for the April 1, 2008 finance subcommittee meeting. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Correspondence

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept and file the correspondence. There was a friendly amendment to add the questions for Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Representative Paul Tucker. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Presentations – Whittier Vocational Regional Technical High School

Mr. DeRosa, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Tucker, Merrimac School Committee Rep for Whittier seeking reelection, came to the meeting to speak about Whittier programs. There was also a brief discussion about the admissions process.

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New Business

Whittier School Committee Vacancy Merrimac/Groveland

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Mr. D'Amore to appoint Paul Tucker to the Whittier Vocational School Committee as a representative from Merrimac. Motion failed. (for: Conner, D'Amore)(opposed: Corradino, Treado, Albert)(abstained: Moran, Atwood)(present: Kastrinelis)(for: 1.9)(opposed: 3.0)(abstained: 1.9)(present: 1.1)

FY09 Budget Decisions/Town Meeting Presentation

Members received the original revenue projections and the finalized Chapter 70 revenue.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Moran and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve the adjusted revenue projections for FY09 and to send a letter to selectmen explaining the adjustments. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to approve the previously approved budget in the new format. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

2008 – 2009 School Calendar Professional Development

Members discussed the pros and cons of having professional development time on half days, full days or 90 minute release times.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Kastrinelis to table the discussion on the school calendar professional development. Motion failed. (for: Moran, Albert, Atwood, Kastrinelis)(opposed: Conner, D'Amore, Treado, Corradino)(for: 3.8)(opposed: 4.1)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Corradino and seconded by Dr. Treado to retain the current release schedule for professional development with half day and full days off for students. The motion was amended to keep August 25th as a full day for professional development and to have monthly half days of professional development for seven (7) months. Motion carried. (for: Corradino, D'Amore, Treado, Conner)(opposed: Atwood, Kastrinelis, Moran, Albert)(for: 4.1)(opposed: 3.8)

Coastal Collaborative Agreement

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Dr. Treado and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve the amendment for the Coastal Education Collaborative Agreement. The amendment is in Section VIII Termination, third sentence to read: "In either case any vote to terminate the Coastal Education Collaborative must be taken not less than thirty (30) days prior to its intended effective date." Motion carried. (unanimous approved)

E Policies/Agenda Policy – Second Reading

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve Policy EEAE School Bus Safety Program for a second reading. Motion carried. (unanimous approval) Policy EEAE approved and adopted.

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Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve Policy EEAEA-1 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers for a second reading. Motion carried. (unanimous approval) Policy EEAEA-1 approved and adopted.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve Policy EEAEA Bus Driver Examination and Training for a second reading. Motion carried. (unanimous approval) Policy EEAEA approved and adopted.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve Policy EEAEK Student Conduct on School Buses for a second reading. Motion carried. (unanimous approval) Policy EEAEK approved and adopted.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve Policy EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles for a second reading. Motion carried. (unanimous approval) Policy EEAG approved and adopted.

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to approve Policy BEDB Agenda Policy for a second reading. Motion carried. (unanimous approval) Policy BEDB approved and adopted.

Mrs. Moran was not in the room for the motion/votes on the policies.

Audit Decision

Motion/vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and seconded by Mr. Atwood to contract Powers and Sullivan to be our auditors. The motion was amended to have a date set for completion of the audit. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

GBBA Harassment Policy

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to approve Policy GBBA Harassment for a first reading. The motion was amended to have legal council review the motion. Motion carried. (for: Kastrielis, D'Amore, Moran, Treado, Albert, Conner, Atwood)(opposed: Corradino)(for: 6.8)(opposed: 1.1)

Monthly Financial Report/Fund Balances

Members received the monthly financial report/fund balances and were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Donations

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to accept the donation of the two scanners for the central office from Peter and Barbara Haack. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Albert and seconded by Mr. Atwood to accept the donation of \$100 from Hanna Andersson through the Cash for Kids Program. 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 of the Mayline 5 drawer flat file from the FENS Associates, LLC for the Arts Department at the high school. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Albert to accept the HP color LaserJet printer from Sam Kenton for the Page School. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Field Trip Requests

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to approve the request for the middle school to go to North Andover High School to participate in the music festival and to attend Canobie Lake. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to approve the field trip request for grade six (6) to attend Nature's Classroom. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to approve the field trip request for grade five (5) at the Donaghue School to attend the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point, Rye, New Hampshire. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Executive Session

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Corradino to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing a grievance. Motion carried by roll call vote. (unanimous approval)

Adjournment

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Atwood and seconded by Mrs. Conner to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Naffah
Recording Secretary

Adjournment

Motion/Vote

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Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Naffah

Recording Secretary