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PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Pentucket Regional High School
August 18, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Moran, Mr. Perrotti, Mrs. Conner, Mr. D'Amore, Mr. Willett, Dr. Treado, and Ms. Eichhorst

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

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

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. The majority vote was 3.6. Mrs. Willis and Mrs. McGrail were absent.

Agenda

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Ms. Eichhorst and second by Mr. Willett to accept the agenda. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Minutes

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Ms. Eichhorst and second by Mr. Willett to approve the business meeting minutes of July 14, 2009. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Ms. Eichhorst and second by Mr. Willett to approve the finance subcommittee meeting minutes of July 14, 2009. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

New Business

Regional Assessments – Minimum Contributions

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mrs. Conner and second by Ms. Eichhorst to take a **non binding roll call vote** on the following: "The School Committee can choose to recalculate the assessments to reflect the changes in minimum local contributions. West Newbury would need to call a town meeting within 45 days of the School Committee's vote to amend the budget to approve the increased assessment." The following were in favor: Treado, Moran, Eichhorst, Conner, Willett, and D'Amore. Mr. Perrotti abstained. (for: 6.0)(abstained: 1.1)

Regional Agreement Changes

Chairman Moran informed the Committee per the language in our Regional Agreement that it should be reviewed every three years and this is the cycle for the coming year. The team that will review the language of the agreement consists of a BOS representative from each community and two citizens. The School Committee Chair represents the School Committee along with the Superintendent. Members received the recommended language from the DESE.

Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009

The Open Meeting Law has been amended and the governance is now overseen by the Attorney General's Office. Members received the new language and a PowerPoint overview of the key items which have been changed.

Monthly Financials

Members received the monthly financials for July 2009.

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School Committee Goals

Chairman Moran asked that all members submit their goals before Friday, August 28th. They will be in the next packet.

Bagnall/Page/Donaghue Out of State Field Trip Requests

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Willett and second by Ms. Eichhorst to approve the out of state trip requests for the sixth grade students district wide to attend Nature's Classroom. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Future Agenda Items

Members requested the following be discussed at future meetings: policies regarding public comment, agenda policy, the swine flu, and the allergy policy.

Executive Session, Chapter 39, Section 23B

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Willett and second by Ms. Eichhorst to enter into executive session for the purposes of contract negotiations and pending litigation. Motion carried by roll call vote. (unanimous approval)

Adjournment

Motion/Vote

It was moved by Mr. Willett and second by Ms. Eichhorst to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried. (unanimous approval)

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Naffah
Recording Secretary