

February 1, 2010

A meeting of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:00PM in the School Committee room at 22 Ashley Street. Members present by roll call were: Mrs. Mary Ann Cleland, Mr. Bill Duval, Mrs. Laura Maloney, Mrs. Mary Beth Ogulewicz Sacco, Mrs. Cindy Sullivan, Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan, and Chairman Daniel Knapik.

1. At 7:05PM Chairman Knapik called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to move agenda item #4 Franklin Avenue Elementary School presentation out of order. All were in favor. Motion passes.

4. Mrs. Clark-Yvon, Principal, and students were in attendance. Students shared the types of logic problems that they do every day as part of the morning Math Group.

2. Public participation, excluding personnel:

Mr. Dave Flaherty, Marla Circle, Westfield, MA

Mr. Flaherty spoke about the following:

- A request to name the playground at Southampton Road Elementary School
- A request that the committee evaluate that school starts after Labor Day.
- Consider moving the in-service days to Monday's and Friday's.

Mr. Flaherty also spoke about the opportunity to do a prepackaged educational content that may count toward the education requirement of 180 days. He reported that February is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Ms. Sheila Ashton, Mockingbird Lane, Westfield, MA

Ms. Ashton requested that the committee review their policy regarding Epi-Pens, have the policy posted on-line, and translated into Spanish and Russian.

Ms. Stephanie Conroy, Route 191, Chester, MA

Ms. Conroy stated that she was a parent of a child that attends the Head Start program. She requested that the School Committee reconsider their position regarding relinquishing their position as the Head Start Grantee.

Mr. Jeffrey Gosselin, Union Street, Westfield, MA

Mr. Gosselin stated that he has been a Head Start Policy Council member for 2.5 years. He thanked the City, School Department, and School Committee for the 25 year relationship shared with Head Start and spoke about the many services provided by Head Start. He requested that the committee work with the Policy Council and grant them a 1 year extension as the Head Start Grantee.

Mr. Joseph Goldstein, WHS student

Mr. Goldstein commented about the transportation schedule during exams. He stated that many students do not ride the bus home at the end of the school day but may use transportation if it was offered after exams.

2. Westfield School student representatives provided a report of recent activities.
5. Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Cleland seconded to approve the January 7, 2010 school committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the January 11, 2010 school committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.

6. Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the Westfield Vocational Technical High School trip to the Robert E. Morris Company located in Windsor, Connecticut, on February 9, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.
7. Mr. Sullivan moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to table the Westfield Public Schools Financial Statement ending January 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.
8. Old business:  
Mr. Sullivan provided an update on the Head Start program and stated that the City is going through difficult financial times. He announced that a meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2010 with Mrs. Louise Eldridge, Administration of Children and Families, regarding the Head Start program.
9. Items for referral to subcommittee:  
Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to refer the EpiPen policy to the Human Resources and Policy Subcommittee. All in were in favor. Motion passes.

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to refer the naming of the Southampton Road Elementary School playground to the Human Resources and Policy Subcommittee. All were in favor. Motion passes.

10. Subcommittee reports/recommendations:
  - a. Reports: none
  - b. Minutes: none

11. Superintendent's Reports:

a. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations:

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Cleland seconded to accept the following gift/donation:

- Munger Hill Elementary School, \$1,942.48, from Grynn & Barrett Studios, educational purposes

b. Art work on display

Mrs. Alvira reported the art work on display for the month of February has been provided by students who attend Franklin Avenue Elementary School.

c. Other:

17. Next regular School Committee meeting: March 1, 2010

18. Any other business that may properly come before the committee: none

At 8:02PM Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Shirley Alvira, Superintendent of Schools  
Clerk – Westfield School Committee

A true copy, Attest:

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Mary Ann Cleland, Secretary  
Westfield School Committee

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