

March 1, 2010

A meeting of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, March 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. Cindy Sullivan, Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan, and Chairman Daniel Knapik. Mrs. Mary Beth Ogulewicz Sacco was not in attendance.

1. At 7:02PM Chairman Knapik called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public participation, excluding personnel:

Stephanie Conroy, Chester, MA

Ms. Conroy requested the committee change their position and continue to be the Head Start grantee until a permanent grantee can be found.

Jeffrey Gosselin, Union Street, Westfield, MA

Mr. Gosselin reported that he has been a member of the Policy Council for the over two years.

He stated that relinquishing the Grant affects Westfield and the surrounding communities.

Additionally, he strongly supported the option of a transition year before finding new Grantee.

Joyce Dolat, Morse Avenue, Westfield, MA

Ms. Dolat stated she had children that attended Head Start and a grandson attending the program.

She requested the committee reconsider their position of relinquishment of the Head Start grant.

Michelle Hawley, Heggie Drive, Westfield, MA

Ms. Hawley requested that the committee continue on as the Grantee for the Head Start grant for another year.

3. Westfield Vocational Technical High School student representative, Nathan Duffy, provided a report of recent activities.

4. Mrs. Adams, Principal, was in attendance with teachers and students. A sample of the Investigations Math program used at Abner Gibbs was shared with members. The program promotes mathematical thinking by using hands-on activities to support critical thinking and problem solving.

5. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to table the February 1, 2010, 6:30PM minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the February 1, 2010, 7:00PM meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the February 5, 2010 meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes. Mr. Duval abstained.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the February 8, 2010 meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.

6. Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the South Middle School field trip to the Connecticut Science Center located in Hartford, Connecticut, on April 15, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the Westfield High School trip to Kings Dominion located in Richmond, Virginia, May 20-23, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

7. January 2010 attendance report. Mrs. Alvira reported that the school with the best attendance for the month of November was Munger Hill Elementary School with 96.53%.
8. Mr. Kane updated the committee regarding the Westfield Public Schools Financial Statements. A discussion took place and questions were answered.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Duval seconded to accept the Westfield Public Schools Financial Statement ending January 2010.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>		<u>N</u>	
Mr. Duval	X			
Mrs. Maloney	X			
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent			
Mrs. Sullivan	X			
Mrs. Cleland	X			
Mr. Sullivan	X			
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>			
	6	-	<u>0</u>	motion passes

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Duval seconded to accept the Westfield Public Schools Financial Statement ending February 2010.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>		<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Maloney	X			
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent			
Mrs. Sullivan	X			
Mrs. Cleland	X			
Mr. Duval	X			
Mr. Sullivan	X			
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>			
	6	-	<u>0</u>	motion passes

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to move agenda item #11 out of order. All were in favor. Motion passes.

11. Subcommittee reports/recommendations:

a. Reports: Mrs. Maloney reported that the Finance Subcommittee met earlier this evening and reviewed the Head Start FY10 and FY11 budgets. It was the recommendation of the

subcommittee to bring forward a request to the full committee to approve the revised line-by-line FY10 Head Start budget.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the revised line-by-line Head Start FY10 budget.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Duval	abstain		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>		
	5	-	0 motion passes

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to continue to oversee the Head Start grant until the process of awarding a permanent grantee is complete and authorize the Mayor to send a clarifying letter advising Mrs. Louise Eldridge, Administration of Children and Families – Region 1, of the committee’s newly established timeline for the relinquishment of the Head Start Grant.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Duval	abstain		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>		
	5	-	0 motion passes

a. Minutes: none

9. Old business: none

10. Items for referral to subcommittee: none

12. Superintendent’s Reports:

a. Acceptance of gift/donations:

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to accept the following gift to the Westfield Public Schools:

- Juniper Park Elementary School, \$1,040.85, from Juniper Park PTC, educational purposes, gift account

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mr. Duval	X		

Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>		
	6	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

b. Art work on display: has been provided by students at Juniper & Highland

c. Other: none

13. Next regular School Committee meeting: March 15, 2010

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

15. Liaison Report:

Head Start Policy Council meeting February 8, 2010.

Mrs. Maloney updated the committee regarding the Head Start policy council meeting held on February 8, 2010.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to accept the February 8, 2010 Head Start policy Council packet as submitted.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>		<u>N</u>
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Duval	X		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>		
	6	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

At 8:45PM Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. 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:

Mary Ann Cleland, Secretary
Westfield School Committee

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