

May 3, 2010

A meeting of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, May 3, 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 7:05PM Chairman Knapik called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public participation, excluding personnel:
Mrs. Linda Carrier, Principal of Highland Elementary School, introduced fifth grade student Emily Ciccolo. Emily received an honorable mention in the state-wide contest, Letters About Literature.
3. Mr. Rix, Principal, Mr. Westcott, and 8th grade art students from South Middle School were in attendance. Students shared examples of the new graphic arts curriculum.
4. Westfield High School student representatives, Brittany and Ryan, updated the committee regarding recent activities at Westfield High.
5. Mayor's Update:
Chairman Knapik thanked Mrs. Lussier, staff, and students for recent the "Munchkins with the Mayor" held at Munger Hill Elementary School. During the month of March, students read over 300,000 minutes of literature/books and were rewarded with the benefit of enjoying munchkins the Mayor.

Chairman Knapik stated that during the January 2010 shop tours at Westfield Vocational Technical High School, committee members were presented with a listing of the various shop needs. He reported that he meets monthly, with different shop teachers, at Westfield Vocational Technical High School and funds were appropriated by the City Council to take care of some of the needs presented to the committee.

Chairman Knapik updated the committee regarding the status of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. He stated that a teleconference was held this morning with the MSBA with Mr. Kevin Sullivan, Mr. Brian Sullivan, Mr. Brent Bean, Ms. Susan Phillips, and Mrs. Shirley Alvira in attendance. The process was outlined and the appropriation range is between \$300,000 and \$700,000. A request was made to the MSBA to get back to us with a better defined dollar value. After receiving the defined dollar amount, Chairman Knapik will approach the City Council to appropriate the funds.

6. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the April 5, 2010 regular School Committee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.
7. Mrs. Lenore Bernashe and Mrs. Joanne Hentnick were in attendance and updated the committee regarding the Technology Bond. The purpose of the bond was to purchase computers and software with a focus at the four secondary schools. After discussion,

questions were answered.

8. Nomination of School Committee member(s) to the School Building Committee:
Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Sullivan, and Mr. Duval volunteered to be members of the committee.
After discussion by the Mayor, it was determined only one of the volunteers could act as a voting member of the committee, therefore the following action was taken:

Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to nominate Mrs. Cindy Sullivan as a member of the School Building Committee.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Duval seconded to nominate Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan as a member of the School Building Committee.

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to nominate Mr. Bill Duval as a member of the School Building Committee.

Following nominations, one member would be appointed as a voting member.

Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to appoint Mrs. Cindy Sullivan as a voting member of the Building Committee. Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Cleland, and Mrs. Sullivan voted in favor.

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> </u>	<u>X</u>
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Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Duval seconded to appoint Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan as a voting member of the Building Committee.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent	
Mrs. Sullivan		X
Mrs. Cleland		X
Mr. Duval	X	
Mr. Maloney		X
Mr. Sullivan	X	
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
	3 -	3 motion passes

Due to a tie, it was determined that a second ballot was required.

Mr. Duval moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to appoint Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan as a voting member of the Building Committee.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>		<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Sullivan			X	
Mrs. Cleland			X	
Mr. Duval	X			
Mrs. Maloney	X			
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	absent			
Mr. Sullivan	X			
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>			
	4	-	2	motion passes

9. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to approve the North Middle School field trip to the Bronx Zoo located in New York on June 10, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to approve the North Middle School team 71 field trip to Lake Compounce located in Bristol, Connecticut on June 10, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to approve the North Middle School team 72 field trip to Lake Compounce located in Bristol, Connecticut on June 10, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Duval seconded to approve the North Middle School field trip to the Camp Broadway Theater Workshop located in New York City on April 27, 2011. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the South Middle School field trip to the Connecticut Science Center located in Hartford, Connecticut on June 10, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the South Middle School field trip to the Connecticut Science Center located in Hartford, Connecticut on June 9, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the Westfield High School field trip to Lake Compounce located in Bristol, Connecticut on May 20, 2010. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the Westfield High School trip to Quebec City, Canada, April 15-18, 2011. All were in favor. Motion passes.

10. The March 2010 Attendance Report was presented to the committee. The school with the highest attendance for the month of March was Paper Mill Elementary School with 96.96%.

11. Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to accept the Westfield Public Schools Financial Statement ending April 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	-	0	motion passes

12. Old business:

a. Budget Transfers

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the presented Budget Transfers dated April 29, 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	-	0	motion passes

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve that the school department prepay FY2011 special education tuitions from any available FY2010 unexpended funds prior to June 30, 2010, as pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71 Section 71D.

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	-	0	motion passes

13. Items for referral to subcommittees: none

14. Subcommittee reports/recommendations:

a. Reports: none

b. Minutes: Mrs. Maloney moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the April 5, 2010 Finance Subcommittee meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.

15. Superintendent's Reports:

a. Acceptance of gift/donations:

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

- Juniper Park Elementary School, \$500.00, Juniper Park PTC, educational purposes, gift account

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

b. Art work:

Mrs. Alvira stated that the art work on display for the month of May has been provided by students who attend South Middle School.

d. Other:

16. Next regular School Committee meeting: May 17, 2010

Budget public presentation scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2010

17. Any other business that may properly come before the committee:

Mr. Sullivan congratulated the students who were involved in the Science Fair at the State level.

At 8:48 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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