

December 7, 2009

A meeting of the Westfield School Committee was held on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 7:00PM in the School Committee room at 22 Ashley Street. Members present by roll call were: Mrs. Mary Ann Cleland, Mr. Robert J. Kapinos, Mrs. Laura Maloney, Mrs. Mary Beth Ogulewicz Sacco, Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan, Mrs. Heather Sullivan, and Chairman Michael Boulanger.

1. At 7:06PM Chairman Boulanger called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public participation, excluding personnel: none.
3. Westfield Vocational Technical High School student representatives, Jack Davis and Nate Duffy, provided a report of recent activities.
4. State of School Presentations: Mrs. Denise Ruzsala, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, began the presentation by introducing Mr. Raymond Broderick, Principal of Westfield High School, and Mrs. Hilary Weisgerber, Principal of Westfield Vocational Technical High School. The presentations included information on Demographics; MCAS Comparisons 2009 – State; AYP History; and Initiatives – this year and last year. A discussion took place and questions were answered.
5. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the November 16, 2009 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion passes.
6. Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Kapinos seconded to approve Westfield High School's field trip to the Connecticut Science Museum in Hartford, Connecticut, on December 10, 2009. All were in favor. Motion passes.  
  
Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Kapinos seconded to approve Westfield High School's field trip to St. John Divine and Cloisters Museum in New York City on December 10, 2009. All were in favor. Motion passes.  
  
Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Kapinos seconded to approve Westfield Vocational Technical High School's field trip to New York City on December 21, 2009. All were in favor. Motion passes.
7. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the Community Christian School as a private school for the 2009-2010 school year. All were in favor. Motion passes.
8. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the Westfield Christian Academy as a private school for the 2009-2010 school year. All were in favor. Motion passes.

9. Mrs. Cleland moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the White Oak School as a private school for the 2009-2010 school year. All were in favor. Motion passes.
10. Mr. Sullivan moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to accept the Westfield Public Schools Financial Statements ending November 2009.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	X		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Kapinos	X		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Boulanger	<u>X</u>		
	7	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

11. Old business: none
12. Items for referral to subcommittee: none
13. Subcommittee reports/recommendations:
  - a. Reports: none
  - b. Minutes: Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to approve the Human Resources and Policy Subcommittee meeting minutes of October 22, 2009. All were in favor. Motion passes.
14. Superintendent's Reports:
  - a. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations:  
Mr. Kapinos moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to accept the following gifts/donations to the Westfield Public Schools:
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, James Baker Company, 7 trees with an approximate value of \$280.00, educational purposes
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Betts Piping Supply, bath tub with an approximate value of \$230.00, educational purposes
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Dave Roberts, 1996 Saturn with an approximate value of \$1,000.00, educational purposes
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Lowe's Home Improvement, 19 wooden screen doors with an approximate value of \$1,500.00, educational purposes
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Lynne Wiley, 1984 Pontiac Bonneville with an approximate value of \$600.00, educational purposes
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, 40 combo-lockers with an approximate value of \$1,500.00, educational purposes
    - Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Richard Leblanc, 1989 Buick Sedan with an approximate value of \$1,725.00, educational purposes

- Westfield Vocational Technical High School, Wanda Brennan, 1998 Buick Regal with an approximate value of \$1,500.00, educational purposes

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Kapinos	X		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	X		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Boulanger	<u>X</u>		
	7	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

Art work:

Mrs. Alvira reported that the art work on display for the month of December has been provided by students who attend Paper Mill Elementary School.

Mrs. Alvira requested permission from the committee to go forward to the City Council with a maintenance priority listing for the schools.

Mr. Maher updated the committee regarding the maintenance priority list dated November 24, 2009. (enclosure)

Mr. Sullivan moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to authorize Mrs. Alvira, Superintendent of Schools, to bring forward to the City Council the maintenance priority list dated November 24, 2009 totaling \$2,988,000.00. Also, the committee suggested Mrs. Alvira to request the funding for the top projects on the list.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Kapinos	X		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	X		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Boulanger	<u>X</u>		
	7	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

15. Next regular School Committee meeting: December 21, 2009

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

17. Liaison Report:  
Head Start Policy Council November 17, 2009

Mrs. Maloney moved, Mrs. Sullivan seconded to table the approval of the Head Start Policy Council documents as submitted. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Mrs. Maloney requested that the Superintendent reconvene the Head Start Subcommittee to deal with the projected deficit of the Head Start program and report back to the School Committee.

At 8:43PM Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to go return to executive session for the purpose of:

- a. Collective Bargaining
  - b. Non Union Contracts
- with the intent to return to open session

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mr. Kapinos	X		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco	X		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Chairman Boulanger	<u>X</u>		
	7	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

#### Executive Session

The committee reconvened in open session at 9:38PM. Members present by roll call were: Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco, Mr. Sullivan, Mrs. Cleland, Mr. Kapinos, Mrs. Maloney, and Chairman Boulanger.

Mrs. Sullivan exited the executive session meeting at 9:15PM.

Mrs. Cleland moved, Mrs. Maloney seconded to approve the annual salary range for the position of Grant Project Coordinator at \$53,000 - \$60,000 annually.

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mrs. Cleland	X		
Mr. Kapinos	X		
Mrs. Maloney	X		
Mrs. Ogulewicz Sacco		X	
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Mrs. Sullivan		absent	
Chairman Boulanger	<u>X</u>		
	5	-	<u>1</u> motion passes

Mrs. Cleland moved, Mr. Sullivan seconded to approve the job description for the position of Grants Financial Analyst. All were in favor. Motion passes.

At 9:40PM Mr. Kapinos 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:

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Mary Ann Cleland, Secretary  
Westfield School Committee

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