

## DRACUT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Harmony Hall

February 22, 2010

**PRESENT:** Mr. Matthew Sheehan, Chairperson, Mr. Michael Miles, Dr. Michael McNamara, Ms. Bonnie Elie, Mr. Ron Mercier, Dr. W. Spencer Mullin, Superintendent of Schools, Attorney Kevin Murphy, Ms. Lynne LaFerriere, Recording Secretary

### CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the School Committee was called to order by Mr. Sheehan at Harmony Hall at 7:00 P.M.

### REGULAR SESSION:

#### I. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Sheehan called for the pledge of allegiance, and a special moment of silence for Mr. Morin, Mr. Vandette, Mr. Garry and Mr. Generoso's father.

#### II. Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion by Dr. McNamara, seconded by Ms. Elie to approve the January 11, 2010 regular session minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved

2. Motion by Mr. Miles, seconded by Ms. Elie to approved the January 25, 2010 executive session minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved

3. Motion by Ms. Elie, seconded by Mr. Miles to approve the January 25, 2010 regular session minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved

4. Motion by Mr. Miles, seconded by Ms. Elie to approve to February 8, 2010 regular session minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. Motion by Dr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve the January 21, 2010 finance sub-committee minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved

#### III. Approval of Bills:

The bills were signed by Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Miles.

#### IV. Presentation of Senior High Student Representative, *Jennifer Cyr*:

No presentation to report.

#### V. Community Input:

Nobody signed up

## **VI. Committee Reports:**

None to report

## **VII. Community Calendar:**

Mr. Sheehan reviewed the community calendar.

6. Motion by Ms. Elie, seconded by Dr. McNamara to suspend the by-laws for the March 8, 2010 meeting to begin executive session at 5:30 PM and the regular session to begin at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. McNamara – yes, Ms. Elie – yes, Mr. Mercier – yes, Mr. Miles – yes, Mr. Sheehan – yes

Mr. Mercier reported the community forum on February 22, 23 and 25 at 7:00 PM in DHS' library. Any questions please contact the superintendent's office at 978-957-2660.

## **VIII. Superintendent's Informational Items:**

Dr. Mullin has been in contact with Mark Rosetti from Pop Warner regarding the mats and payments. From last minutes, there would be financial support, but some confusion about using the mats. March 4<sup>th</sup> is a board meeting and he would like to bring it to the board and come to the March 8<sup>th</sup> school committee meeting with an update. Mats have been delivered with a hold on the payment. Want to straighten out the payment and use of mats.

### Trip Request: Dracut High School Music Department Trip:

School Committee Policy for Out-of-State Field Trips – had to give 6 months notice in advance. Mr. Grande came up and explained the Field Trip to New York City.

7. Motion by Mr. Mercier, seconded by Mr. Miles to accept the field trip request to New York City.

Attorney asked about the proof of insurance and that each parent sign a waiver.

Dr. McNamara thought the request was reasonable as Mr. Grande has an original request in October.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. McNamara – yes, Ms. Elie – yes, Mr. Mercier – yes, Mr. Miles – yes, Mr. Sheehan – yes

### Recognition of District and All-State Music Students:

Mr. Grande introduced the students and thanked the parents and teachers.

Mr. Mercier asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to each student signed by the chairman.

Mr. Miles asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the teachers and Mr. Grande

Dr. Mullin gave a special thanks to people when he started for their assistance – Cyndy Curtis, RayAnn L'Heureux, Trish Banacos, Debbie Holmes, Debbie Marion and Charlie. Dr. Mullin also thanked the community very much.

## **IX. Old Business:**

None to report

## **X. New Business:**

### High School Trip Request: DECA State Competition:

Mr. Mone explained that DECA is a business club at Dracut High School.

8. Motion by Mr. Mercier, seconded by Ms. Elie to approve the DECA State Championship field trip with subject of review of insurance.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. McNamara –yes, Ms. Elie – yes, Mr. Mercier – yes, Mr. Miles – yes, Mr. Sheehan – yes

Request for application for a grant for Ms. Duda:

Ms. Duda sent a request for a letter of acceptance from the school committee supporting her application for a grant.

Mr. Miles would like the letter worded that we as a collective group support Ms. Duda.

Vote: Unanimously approved

Mr. Sheehan congratulated the students in the winter sports season for a great job.

Dr. McNamara asked that strategies put in place for getting good news items into the daily newspaper and feels it is important to recognize the accomplishments.

Mr. Mercier asked that MASC be contacted to conduct an exit interview for Dr. Mullin.

9. Motion by Mr. Mercier, seconded by Ms. Elie to contact MASC to conduct and exit interview.

Vote: Unanimously approved

Ms. Elie asked that the policy committee get together and see what policy is in place when employees retire.

Mr. Sheehan reported a few weeks ago he sent out letters regarding MASC search at the last board of selectmen's meeting there was an issue with the letter. He read the last part of his letter and didn't feel as though there was an issue.

Dr. McNamara watched the meeting and didn't see the letter as a problem.

**XI. Adjournment:**

7. Motion by Mr. Miles, seconded by Ms. Elie to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. McNamara – yes, Ms. Elie – yes, Mr. Mercier – yes, Mr. Miles – yes, Mr. Sheehan – yes

Mr. Sheehan adjourned the Regular Session at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne LaFerriere, Recording Secretary