

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 22, 2016
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the Public Session to order at 7:02 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Dr. Steve Fleischman, Vice Chair; Ms. Lisa Connor, Ms. Karen Kravetz (7:03 PM); Ms. Nancy Maasbach and Ms. Lynn Piascyk.

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; Clare Kennedy, Special Services Director and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Maria Kayne, BOS Liaison; Chris Sorensen, Pua Ford, Bettina Thiel, community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Connor

UNANIMOUS

REPORTS

PTO Update – No Report

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Gilbert reviewed the preliminary SBAC results recently released by the CSDE. Overall, the results for Woodbridge were favorable. Gains were made in Math (10%) and Language Arts (6.5%) that placed us in fifth in our DRG respectively and close to the top state-wide. A detailed analysis and report will be provided at the September meeting.

Ms. Kravetz arrived (7:03 PM)

The Board received an update on the use of UB interns (6) and building subs (3) for the 2016/17 school year as well as the recent building issue with pipe insulation and condensation. Superintendent Gilbert provided an outline of his entry plan. It was suggested that the "Core Beliefs" section be uploaded to the web site. Enrollment continues to be fluid with approximately 772 students and class sizes are well within the guidelines with the exception of one Grade 3 class of 20. Professional Development for staff next week will focus on literacy, numeracy, social/emotional development of children, follow-up on the Tri-State report and the Safe School Climate plan. It was questioned whether the new door-locking system had been incorporated into the safety protocols. Protocols have been adjusted and specifics will be reviewed with staff during one of the three upcoming Professional Development days.

BRS Update – Ms. Prisco noted her attendance, along with Ms. Sherman, at the Columbia summer learning institutes, new teacher orientation, summer curriculum work, the Kindergarten bus ride/orientation and the conclusion of the Summer Enrichment and Extended Day programs.

Facilities Committee – No Report. Ms. Kravetz noted this Committee did not meet over the summer and the next meeting would be in September.

Finance Committee – Dr. Fleischman noted the Finance Committee did not meet and presented the line item transfers to reconcile the 2015/16 budget. Questions arose regarding the Food Account. It was suggested that this line item be more accurately reflected in developing the 2017/18 budget.

MOTION #2 – 2015/16 LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Move that we approve the 2015/16 Line Item Transfers as presented by administration.

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Connor
UNANIMOUS

CABE Liaison – No Report

Upcoming Meeting Presentations

World Language Update – It was suggested the presentation focus on what is different this year from past years and how the exit survey and enhanced grade level instruction time is informing instruction. Questions were also raised regarding the collaborative online learning initiative with the Town Library, development of a summer learning packet, and creating excitement for language acquisition outside of the classroom.

SBAC Report – The presentation should answer these questions: How the school is graded, what is the impact on our evaluation by the CSDE, what is the overall comparison between last year and this year and how the testing process was for students, i.e. were they anxious, comfortable with timeframe limits, did they use laptops, iPads or a combination of both, etc.

Parent Survey Results – In comparing 2014 to 2016, where did the most change occur; where are we today in the “areas of focus” previously identified; and what is the plan to address areas designated for improvement.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Contract (Aveni Retirement) – Superintendent Gilbert apprised the Board that two bids were received and it was the recommendation of administration that the transportation contract be awarded to Chris Sorensen LLC.

MOTION #3 – TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (SORENSEN)

Move that we award the transportation contract to Chris Sorensen LLC.

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Maasbach
IN FAVOR: Ms. Connor, Dr. Fleischman, Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Kravetz and Ms. Maasbach
ABSTAIN: Ms. Piascyk

MOTION PASSES 5-0-1

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

The Board entered Executive Session to conduct a Board self-evaluation.

MOTION #4 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move that we enter Executive Session (7:51 PM).

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Kravetz
UNANIMOUS

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the Executive Session to order (7:57 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Dr. Steve Fleischman, Vice Chair; Ms. Lisa Connor, Ms. Karen Kravetz; Ms. Nancy Maasbach and Ms. Lynn Piascyk.

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent.

MOTION #5 – RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Move that we return to Public Session (8:42 PM).

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Piascyk
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MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:43 PM)
Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Piascyk
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board