

### **MOTION #7 – CALENDAR 2018/19**

Move that we approve the 2018/19 calendar as amended.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Maasbach

**UNANIMOUS**

Accountability Report – Ms. Prisco and Ms. Sherman provided an overview of the Accountability report. Testing is done completely on-line, students are allowed to select their apparatus of choice, i.e., laptop, iPad or desktop and there is no time limit for completion. Efforts have been focused on increasing the participation rate, which has direct correlation and impact on the CSDE ranking and has prevented us from achieving “school of distinction” status, and decreasing chronic absenteeism. It was noted that prior to implementation of SBAC, the participation rate for CMT’s was approximately 99%. Chronic absenteeism dropped significantly from prior years. While above the state average, Physical Fitness scores also decreased for Grades 4-6. Emphasis in the coming year will focus on increasing upper body muscle strength.

Summer Program Review – Extended Day averaged 160-170 students per day with concentration on interactive child-to-child activities. The Recreation Program experienced a slight decrease in enrollment from prior years and the summer academic program enrollment was similar to past years. Each program is self-sustaining with fees remaining unchanged over the last several years.

BRS Report – Ms. Prisco noted the outdoor read held recently to celebrate literacy, return of the after-school poetry group and math Olympiad, fire safety week, the annual coat drive sponsored by the rotary club, the building/bus evacuation drill and upcoming parent/teacher conferences.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Vultee reviewed the October 16 meeting held prior to the public session with a tour of the outside grounds. Given current budget constraints, areas of importance and associated with safety will be prioritized and addressed accordingly.

Finance Committee – Dr. Fleishman apprised the board of items discussed at the October 10 meeting and outlined the various capital projects under consideration related to technology infrastructure and wireless network expansion, paving and access for first responders, landscape grading/drainage as well as kitchen equipment replacements.

### **MOTION #8 –CAPITAL PROJECT 2018/19 SUBMISSION**

Move that we approve the 2018/19 capital projects as presented for submission to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Maasbach

**UNANIMOUS**

Transportation Contract – Dr. Fleishman explained the timelines associated with the current owner/operators contract which expires June 2018. Since a two-year extension is available and Amity contracts expire in June 2020, extending the contract to June 2020 will allow all BOWA districts to bid the BOWA regional transportation requirements prior to the June 2020 expiration.

### **MOTION #9 – TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION TO 2020**

Move that we authorize administration to discuss continuation of the current contract with Owner/Operators with the option of a two-year extension.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Maasbach

**UNANIMOUS**

Policy Committee – Ms. Maasbach reviewed the October 17 Policy meeting noting that Policies 7551 Naming of Major Facilities and 3280 – Gifts, Grants, Bequest and Memorials were revised with minor language changes and accepted for 30-day review under the Consent Agenda. The November 21 meeting will continue discussion of the Attendance, Truancy and Homework policies. It was also the Committee’s recommendation that an Ad Hoc Class Size Committee be established to commence in January 2018 with a similar constituency composite as the current SRO Committee.

**MOTION #10 – AD HOC CLASS SIZE COMMITTEE**

Move that we establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Class Size Guidelines commencing in January 2018 with membership similar to the Ad Hoc SRO Committee.

Ms. Maasbach

Second by Dr. Fleischman

**UNANIMOUS**

Community Lecture Series – Ms. Maasbach outlined several topic possibilities for a community lectures series that could commence in January and would parallel the Town series.

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Piascyk reviewed the October 5 meeting inclusive of the World Language update and corresponding integration with the Middle School. The November 9 meeting will spotlight Writers Workshop.

CABE Liaison – Ms. Genovese reviewed the CABE/CAPSS Convention and Delegate Assembly in November, the Leadership/New Board Member Orientation Workshop on December 7 and a December 14 workshop on responding to hate incidents in schools and districts. Policy highlights include October as national bullying prevention month, positive school climate and kindness campaigns, various articles in the *CABE Journal* and the article on diversity written by Bob Rader the Executive Director of CABE.

ACES Liaison – Ms. Hamilton noted that at the October 12 meeting enrollment, fiscal and project updates were provided. Similar to other districts around the state, ACES is currently operating in the red.

**Upcoming Meeting Presentations**

Strategic Plan – the presentation should include updates for where are we, accomplishments since July, student enrichment clusters, curriculum compacting and development of a review cycle for curriculum updates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Gilbert presented the certified staff early retirement incentive proposal.

**MOTION #11 –CERTIFIED STAFF EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE**

Move that we authorize the Superintendent to offer the early retirement incentive to the membership of the WEA.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Mr. Luciani

**UNANIMOUS**

Ms. Prisco noted the Student Council will be conducting bake sales on October 17 and 19 to benefit hurricane victims.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Esposito spoke on the importance of maintaining an active duty police officer as an SRO at BRS given the threat of active shooters becoming a daily event.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** (8:43 PM)

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Hamilton

**UNANIMOUS**

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board