

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

School Board members present:

Rebecca Millett, Chair
Kathy Ray, Vice-Chair
John Christie
David Hillman
M. Kate Williams-Hewitt
Mary Townsend

Student Representative present:

Matt Miklavic
Julia Springer

Alan H. Hawkins, Superintendent of Schools

Unable to attend: Linda Winker

Chairperson Rebecca Millett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Adjustments to Agenda – none

2. Approval of School Board Minutes –

- a) **Business Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 2009** - Ms. Ray made a motion that the minutes for the meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Townsend seconded. (Approved 6-0)
- b) **Special Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2009** - Ms. Townsend made a motion that the minutes for the meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Ray seconded. (Approved 6-0)

3. Comments by Student Representatives – Middle School representatives, John Kennealy and Tim Hartel, and High School representatives, Julia Springer and Matt Miklavic, spoke briefly on items of interest from the students' perspective. SAC President, Peter Brigham, spoke briefly on upcoming changes to the SAC format.

4. Comments from Public On Non-Agenda Items – none

5. RECOGNITION

- a. **AP Government class health care reform forum** – Principal Shedd shared briefly about Ted Jordan's students moderating this community discussion involving three health care industry expert panelists. Ms. Townsend shared that the program was taped and will be aired on local access television. Ms. Millett thanked everyone involved.
- b. **Athletic Update** – Mr. Thoreck updated the Board on recent athletic holiday tournament activities. In addition, he reported that the National Soccer Coaches Association awarded the Girls' Soccer team their Academic Award.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Wellness activities** – Elaine Brassard, High School instructional support teacher and member of the school wellness committee spoke briefly about the group's goals. Community support and grants are funding the group's efforts. They're also working

with Anthem to access any support/resources they might offer. Mr. Hillman asked whether student stress management techniques might be included on the group's agenda.

- b. **Modern Language Learning Goals** - Angela Schipani provided a brief overview and rationale of priority and secondary modern language learning goals. Mr. Hillman asked about an option for honors classification. These goals will be discussed and questions addressed at the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting that will be held on Friday, January 15 at 1 pm in the ~~Superintendent's Office~~ **Wm H Jordan Conference Room**.
- c. **Ad hoc Curtailment Committee Report** - Ms. Millett, Curtailment Committee chair, gave an overview of the committee's work to date. She addressed the most common questions that came out of the December 8 public meeting and added that this information will be available on the school web site. Ms. Ray announced that there would be a Finance Committee meeting dealing with 2009-10 curtailment issues on Monday, January 18 at 7 pm in the Wm Jordan Conference Room. Ms. Millett added that the state Appropriations Committee would be holding a public hearing on school funding at 1 pm on Thursday, January 14. She and Mr. Hillman encouraged citizens to let their voices be heard.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration to approve Cape Elizabeth Schools Teacher Certification Renewal Plan, as revised November 2009** - Mary Bruns provided an overview of the certification renewal history and process, and the revisions to the plan presented for approval. - Ms. Ray motioned for approval of the Plan as presented. Ms. Townsend seconded. (Approved 6-0)
- b. **Consideration to approve the following High School athletic fee positions -**
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| Christopher Cantara | Asst Alpine (<i>Booster funded</i>) |
| Shawn Guerrette | Alpine Skiing (<i>student fee funded</i>) |
| James Provencher | Asst Girls' Ice Hockey |
| David Means | Asst Girls' Ice Hockey (<i>volunteer</i>) |
| Briana Gervais | Asst Girls' Ice Hockey (<i>volunteer</i>) |
| Kaitlin Flaherty | Asst Girls' Ice Hockey (<i>volunteer</i>) |
| Taylor McFarlane | Asst Swim (<i>volunteer</i>) |
- Ms. Ray motioned for approval as presented. Mr. Hillman seconded. (Approved 6-0)
- c. **Consideration of the following Middle School athletic & extra-curricular fee positions -**
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| James O'Rourke | Gr. 8 Girls' Basketball |
| Per Noreus | Chess (<i>CEEF funds, co-coach</i>) |
| Dean Zaharis | Chess (<i>CEEF funds, co-coach</i>) |
- Ms. Townsend motioned for approval of Middle School athletic and extra-curricular fee positions as presented. Ms. Ray seconded. (Approved 6-0)
- d. **Consideration to approve Board Chair signing an Acknowledgement Letter for David Hillman specific to his personal/individual service to the Cape Elizabeth School Board** - Mr. Hillman clarified that this is a requirement of his law firm for

insurance purposes. - Ms. Williams-Hewitt motioned for approval as presented. Mr. Christie seconded. (Approved 5-0; Hillman abstained)

- e. **Consideration to approve “Middle School robotics team” travel request to Texas, April 22-24, 2010** - The two students and their volunteer coach are fundraising and writing grants to cover all of their expenses. - Ms. Ray motioned for approval. Ms. Townsend seconded. (Approved 6-0)

8. **Committee Reports** – Ms. Townsend updated the board on Communication Committee efforts. A High School staff coffee hosted by the Board scheduled for tomorrow (1/13) will be rescheduled.

9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items** – none

10. **School Board Agenda Requests** – none

11. **Announcements of Upcoming Meetings** - Ms. Millett reminded the audience that all committee meetings agendas and minutes are available on the school web site.

12. **Adjournment** – Ms. Ray made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Townsend seconded. (Approved 6-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan H. Hawkins
Superintendent of Schools