

The regular meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

School Board members present:

Patricia Brigham, Chair
Karen Burke
Peter Cotter
Rebecca Millett
Kathy Ray
Mary Townsend
Linda Winker

Student Representatives present:

Julia Springer
Matt Miklavic

Alan H. Hawkins, Superintendent of Schools

Chairperson Patricia Brigham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Adjustments to Agenda** – amend item 7c to include co-curricular fee positions
2. **Approval of School Board Minutes** –
 - a) **Business Meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2009** - Ms. Winker made a motion that the minutes for the meeting be approved as presented. Ms. Millett seconded. (Approved 7-0)
3. **Comments by Student Representatives** – Middle School students, Kate Bosworth, Caroline Kelley and Catherine Clark, and High School representatives, Julia Springer and Matt Miklavic, spoke briefly on items of interest from the students' perspective
4. **Comments from Public On Non-Agenda Items** – none
5. **RECOGNITION**
 - a. **Middle School/President's Council on Physical Fitness** – Principal Shedd congratulated those students receiving recognition for their outstanding performance as juniors taking the PSAT.
 - b. **High School Government Class/Candidates Nights** – Principal Shedd reported on a very successful spirit week.
 - c. **World Affairs Council/International Visitor Leadership presentation** - Principal Shedd briefly explained about the pilot program organized by Jeff Thoreck and himself, in conjunction with Rippleffect. Program goal is to take students from various social circles within the school that have leadership roles or have been identified by staff as having leadership potential, to work on school cultural issues in the long term.
 - d. **Parent-student-teacher conference participation** -
 - e. **Community/volunteer Support** -
 - f. **Gary Lanoie/ACTEM Conference** -
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **Technology Integrators** – Superintendent Hawkins briefly reported on the fall Booster group meeting. Coaches' evaluation forms have gone out to student-athletes' parents. Mr. Thoreck briefly reported on athletic activities as the regular season comes to an end. Winter athletic season begins in mid-November.
 - b. **Workshop Update (Science, ELA)** - Superintendent Hawkins reported briefly on the efforts by the maintenance staff.

- c. **Guidance Work** – Superintendent Hawkins reported that almost 50% of students participated in the season flu clinic on September 25. He thanked the many community volunteers and staff involved. So long as adequate supplies are available, our H1N1 flu clinic is scheduled for October 30.
- d. **Student Testing/Evaluations and Data** – Ms. Burke spoke briefly about the recent *Let's Go!* presentation. Ms. Millett would like to have the Let's Go! electronic presentation to share with extra-curricular groups.
- e. **H1N1 clinic** -
- 1) **Marguerite Lawler-Rohner** - was accepted into a one-year program, "Museum in your Classroom" through the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She will travel to Boston once a month for classes. Her work in this program will directly connect to middle school curriculum in social studies, art, and language arts.
 - 2) **Terry White** - was recently contacted by a junior high school band director in Chandler, Arizona to inform him that their band had selected one of his original pieces, "Past My Bedtime", to perform at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, in December, in Chicago.
 - 3) **"Text We Can"** - committee spearheaded by Ms. Millett's efforts, recently met their goal of raising \$60,000 to help bring new textbooks into the middle school. Ms. Millett thanked committee members, Carolyn Flaherty, Anne Ingalls, Kathy Lualdi, Patty Grennon, Laura Stewart, and Hulda Khalidi. Sara Lennon, Ann Gale, Sally Tamaro and Pauline Apotria provided additional support to the group's efforts.
- f. **Athletics** – Superintendent Hawkins briefly reported on the fall Booster group meeting. Coaches' evaluation forms have gone out to student-athletes' parents. Mr. Thoreck briefly reported on athletic activities as the regular season comes to an end. Winter athletic season begins in mid-November.
- g. **Finances** - The Superintendent reported that it appears the issue of how the state will continue to fund school districts will remain, even if voters statewide reject the school consolidation question.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. **Consideration of the following job descriptions: Custodian, Head Building Custodian** - *Approved at prior meeting.* Principal Shedd commented that historically the school has contributed a small amount towards travel expenses. Now, students participating will be responsible for full amount.
- b. **Consideration to approve the following policies for second reading** –
- JFABD: Admission of Homeless Students
 - KBF: Parent Involvement in Title I
- Ms. Millett moved that policies JFABD and KBF be approved, with draft copy notes removed and inserting the number one (1) in Policy KBF, as presented. Ms. Townsend seconded. (Approved 7-0)
- c. **Consideration to approve the following policy for first reading** –
- JRA: Student Education Records and Information
 - IHBAC: Child Find
- Ms. Millett briefly presented each policy. No action required for first reading.
- d. **Consideration of the following Middls School co-curricular fee positions** - Ms. Millett motioned for approval. Ms. Ray seconded. (Approved 6-1; Cotter)
- Kim Sturgeon – mentor for Gretchen McCloy
Paul Casey – mentor for Tabitha Glanville

8. **Committee Reports** – Ms. Burke reminded the audience that all committee minutes are available on the school web site.
9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items** – none
10. **School Board Agenda Requests** – none
11. **Announcements of Upcoming Meetings** - Superintendent Hawkins announced upcoming Board workshop dates and the curriculum subject to be addressed: October 27- Science; November 10 - ELA; December 15 - World Language; January 26 - Guidance; February 23 - budget; March 23 - Mathematics; April 27 - Social Studies; May 25 - to be determined. The December 15 workshop will include a new board organizational meeting. The next regular business meeting will be on November 3. This meeting information will be available on the web site.
12. **Adjournment** – Ms. Millett made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Winker seconded.
(Approved 7-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan H. Hawkins
Superintendent of Schools