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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 8, 2013

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by  
Ms. Brenda Bowen, Chairperson, at  
6:15 pm in the Scituate High School Library.

**On a motion by Mr. Hebert,  
Seconded by Mr. Long,**

**It was voted: to enter executive session to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and pending litigation whereas the Chairperson has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the school committee in these matters.**

**It was noted that the Committee will return to their meeting after Executive Session.**

The roll call was:

School Committee Members Present:

Ms. Brenda Bowen,	yes
Mr. Richard Hebert,	yes
Mr. Michael Hayes,	yes
Mr. Michael Long,	yes

**On a motion by Mr. Hebert,  
Seconded by Mr. Long,**

**It was voted: to return to the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.**

The roll call was:

School Committee Members Present:

Ms. Brenda Bowen,	yes
Mr. Richard Hebert,	yes
Mr. Michael Hayes,	yes
Mr. Michael Long,	yes

School Committee Members Present:

Ms. Brenda Bowen, Chairperson  
Mr. Richard Hebert, Vice-Chairperson  
Mr. Michael Long, Secretary  
Mr. Michael Hayes

Administrator Present:

Mr. John E. McCarthy, Superintendent  
Dr. Jill Proulx, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Paul Dolan, Director of Business and Finance  
Ms. Dianna Mullen, Director Special Education

**On a motion by Mr. Hebert,  
Seconded by Mr. Long,**

1. **Approval of Minutes  
March 18, 2013**

**It was voted to approve the March 18, 2013 Minutes.  
All were in favor.**

2. **Presentations**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent introduced  
Ms. Juliann Dunn and Ms. Gina McLellan to the School  
Committee.

**a.) PAC Update**

Ms. Dunn and Ms. McLellan highlighted their PAC events.

Ms. Dunn and Ms. McLellan in an effort to target their population  
more efficiently, asked permission to obtain approval from the  
School Committee to send notices directly through the individual  
schools rather than through virtual backpack.

Mr. McCarthy and the School Committee agreed to allow PAC to  
send notices through the individual schools.

There were no comments, statements or questions from the public.

Comments, Statements  
Questions from the Public

Mr. Brendan May, student representative  
was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

3. Student Report

4. New Business

Mr. Paul Donlan, Director of Business and Finance  
explained the renewal contract.

a. METCO Transportation

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: to approve the METCO Transportation Inc.  
Transportation Agreement dated February 27, 2013 between the  
Scituate School Committee of Scituate Public Schools and the  
Metropolitan Council for Education Opportunity, Inc.**

**All were in favor.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent explained  
School Choice to the Committee.

b. School Choice

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: for Scituate Public Schools not to participate in  
School Choice for the 2013-2014 school year due to lack of space.**

**All were in favor.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent explained that there  
was an error in the coaches salary appendix for the swimming  
coach. Mr. Donlan confirmed.

c. Scituate Teachers  
Contract Edit

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: to amend the Swimming Coach salary under Appendix D  
"Coaches Salary Schedule" from \$2,433 to \$4864 for fiscal year 2013 and  
thereafter.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent explained that the Principal and Assistant Principal contracts are ready for School Committee review.

**d. Principal & Assistant  
Principal Contracts**

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: to approve the Principal contracts for Ms. Ohrenberger, Mrs. Fitzmaurice, Ms. Whitney and Assistant Principal contracts for Mr. Mills, Ms. Grindle and Mr. Meehan, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.**

**All were in favor.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent explained the 3% and 1% cost of living adjustment increases for non union employees.

**e. Non Union Personnel**

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: to approve all non-union personnel salary agreements to be retroactive from July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013.**

**All were in favor.**

**5. Old Business**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent updated the Committee on Kindergarten redistricting. He explained his proposal to have all half day kindergartners move to Wampatuck Elementary School effective September 2013. Mr. McCarthy also recommended that families who reside in the Sandhills neighborhood be redistricted to Wampatuck. And, families who reside on Ford Place and the Country Way section of Greenbush be redistricted to Cushing effective September 2013. Whereas families who currently have older students at Jenkins will have an option to remain at Jenkins, if they so choose.

**a. Kindergarten**

Mr. McCarthy also outlined the projected 2013-2014 Kindergarten expected enrollment, future growth in Scituate as well as the impact of all of this on class size.

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: to adopt the redistricting plan for the Ford Place/Country Way and Sandhills area. And, to leave the option open for Jenkins parents with incoming kindergartners and older siblings to continue to attend Jenkins.**

**All were in favor.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent and Mr. Paul Donlan, Director of Business and Finance updated the Committee on the future possibility of tiered bus routes and leasing vs. owning buses.

**b. School Bus Leasing**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent asked the Committee to consider amending the language in the transfer of land article from the School Department to the Town.

**c. Transfer of Six Acres of School Department Property To the Town of Scituate**

Mr. Hebert and Mr. Long questioned why this needed to be done now? They also requested confirmation that the School Department could be granted the land back if MSBS decides the land needs to be utilized for a future school site.

Mr. Hayes believed that it was too early to be making this type of decision.

Ms. Robyn Levirne, 49 Creelman Drive asked if the Town could move forward with a public safety complex?

Ms. Darlene Foley asked if the warrant motion could be amended?

Mr. McCarthy recommended that the Committee move forward on this.

**On a motion by Mr. Hebert,  
Seconded by Mr. Long,**

**It was voted: to recommend that the School Committee declare Surplus the six acres of land shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Public Safety Complex, Chief Justice Cushing Highway" most recently dated "April 2, 2013", and that the Committee vote to direct the Superintendent to immediately notify the Board of Selectmen of this declaration.**

**All were in favor.**

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent's report was included in the prior presentations of the evening.

Dr. Jill Proulx, Assistant Superintendent updated the Committee on the following:

- Professional Development Council met.
- District April Newsletter
- Report Card Committee's Draft Report.

Mr. Paul Donlan, Director, Business and Finance updated the Committee:

- Point of sale for the cafeteria
- School Bus Leasing
- Gates and High School Security Update

Ms. Dianna Mullen, Director of Special Education updated the Committee on the following:

- Summer Programming.
- Social/Emotional High School Group

Mr. John McCarthy, Superintendent acknowledged The Friends of Holly Hill Farm/ Frank White Scholarship in the amount of \$100 to Wampatuck Elementary School.

There were no gifts to be accepted.

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded by Mr. Hebert,**

**It was voted: to declare the Hatherly School Card Catalog as surplus.**

**All were in favor.**

**On a motion by Mr. Hebert,  
Seconded by Mr. Hayes,**

**It was voted: to declare the Nextel Cellphones as surplus and donate them to "Cell Phones for Soldiers".**

**All were in favor.**

## **6. Administrative Reports**

### **a. Superintendent's Report**

### **b. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

### **c. Business Director's Report**

### **d. Special Education Director's Report**

## **7. Routine Matters**

### **a. Acknowledgements**

### **b. Acceptance of Gifts**

### **c. Declaration of Surplus**

There were no additional communications from sub committees.

There were no personnel items to be addressed.

There was no other business to discuss.

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

**On a motion by Mr. Hayes,  
Seconded, by Mr. Hebert,  
It was voted: To adjourn from the meeting at 8:50 p.m.  
The vote was 5 – 0.**

**8. Communications from the Sub Committees**

**9. Personnel**

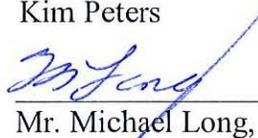
**10. Other Business**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

**12. Adjournment**

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Peters

  
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Mr. Michael Long, Secretary