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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:00 P M.

Present: Dawn Harris, Greg Vine, Danielle Hart (arrived 6:31 PM), Janet Corbosiero, Larry Murphy

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none
4. Correspondence and Announcements: none
5. Student Representative: none
6. Student Recognition: none

Teacher of the Month-none

J. Corbosiero moved to take Agenda Item 9.b Introduction of Interim Director of ALL Program out of order and move it up to now. Second by G. Vine. Approved 4-0-0.

9. b Introduction of Interim Director of ALL Program-Kristina Mecelicaite introduced Suzanne Michel and reviewed her 18-year history in the district. She also commended S. Michelle on her work, noting her knowledge, experience and passion. S. Michelle commended the support of the administration and the staff, noting especially the Pre-School Program secretary Kathy Brooks and the para-professionals who work with the students. She explained the changes that are being made, including initiatives and services. She explained the services the program offers to students and parents. S. Haddad noted that S. Michelle runs one of the best pre-K programs in the state. The committee offered their congratulations.

L. Murphy move to move Agenda Item 9.a to be next. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.

9.a Narcan Protocol-Simona McClure, Nurse Leader, WPS, explained the need and the nursing protocol for the administration of the medication, noting it will become common practice across the state. She needs a standing order and a policy implemented for it to be administered in the schools. She wants two (2) does to be available at each school building. She reviewed the nursing protocol. It is a protocol/procedure that will be attached to the current medication administration policy as an addendum to the policy. S. McClure noted she is certified to train staff and has trained over 40 employees so they may administer the medication. Although state law says you do not have to be trained, she hopes to get all staff trained. Several staff members in each building are trained. Students may carry the medication on their person. She stressed that the administration of Narcan is not harmful if administered unnecessarily. G. Vine moved that the School Committee dispense with the usual protocol of going through a first and a second reading because of the pressing nature of this issue and to vote tonight to enact this policy, the nursing protocol for the administration of Narcan. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-1. D. Hart abstained.

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad reported 'we are engaged' in negotiations with the custodians and the para-professionals. Meetings are scheduled with the WTA and the secretaries. He announced a request from the Athletic Director (and the baseball coach) to remove the netting from the baseball field. Dawn noted it was put up at the request of the owner of an adjoining property; he has since moved. Current adjoining property owners will be asked their opinions and S. Haddad will look into it further. The musical Into the Woods is on February 5th & 6th. The Coaches vs. Cancer game is on February 11th. The Senior Basketball Night is on February 8th. He is working with the administrative team to create a budget. D. Hart noted the Indoor Track Team participated at the league championships; Jordan Manuel was named League All Star; the girls and boys teams will compete at Districts this Saturday.

Business Office Report:

a. Budget Development Timeline- M. Chapulis reviewed the ongoing work to compile the budget; he reviewed the timeline. A draft budget will be sent to committee members by February 12th. He reviewed the scheduled meeting dates. Additional meetings may be scheduled if needed. He noted 60% of the budget has been expended as of January 31st. Transfers are in process for Sped tuition out of the budget and into Circuit Breaker and the 240 grant. The revolving accounts were discussed. He will put them on the website.

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business: above

10. Citizens Questions and Comments by Members: none

11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released: none

12. Questions and Comments by Members-J. Corbosiero stated she does not want to include the town budget, the school department and the school transportation in the same warrant article. She suggested the process can be changed next year after new committee members and administration, including the Superintendent and the Town Manager, have gone through a budget season. G. Vine agreed, stating the separate budget presentation provides more transparency. M. Chapulis noted that, per Ed. Reform, the school committee has sole authority over the school department budget.

Discussion included students' vaping on the bus and school grounds; the disciplinary actions were reviewed.

13. Other: none

14. Future Agenda Items:

A) Monty Tech Representative - FY16 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

6:53 PM J. Corbosiero moved to recess from our current meeting so that we can go into our joint meeting and then return to our meeting after the joint meeting adjourns. Second by D. Hart.

J. Corbosiero -Aye; G. Vine-Aye; L. Murphy-Aye; D. Hart-Aye; Dawn Harris-Aye. Approved 5-0-0.

8:30 PM Reconvened in Open Session.

15. Executive Session: 8:32 PM J. Corbosiero moved to go into Executive Session for Purpose #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position or the public body and the chair so declares, and to return to open session for the sole purpose of adjourning. Second by D. Hart. J. Corbosiero -Aye; G. Vine-Aye; L. Murphy-Aye; D. Hart-Aye; Dawn Harris-Aye; Approved 5-0-0.

16. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted: _____

Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary