

Whately School Committee Meeting
Whately Elementary School
Monday, May 3, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Vice-Chair Robert Halla and Donald Skroski; and Superintendent Regina H. Nash.

Absent: Chair Nathanael Fortune

Vice-Chair Robert Halla called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Don Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to approve the Minutes of April 5, 2010. Approved 2-0.

Superintendent Regina Nash provided the Financial Report. The only overages continue to be in the Maintenance of Building and Special Education Substitutes line items. However, the FY10 Budget remains on track.

Under Unfinished Business, Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to approve Policy EGAF-1: Use of Cell Phones/Electronic Devices. Approved 2-0.

Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to approve Policy and Examples JKD-4R: Suspension and Expulsion of Students. Approved 2-0.

Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to approve Policy and Examples JE-2 and JE-2R: Student Attendance. Approved 2-0.

Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to approve Policy EEAE: Motor Vehicle Idling on School Grounds. Approved 2-0.

After the reading of Chair Nathanael Fortune's research on the Race to the Top (RTTT) application, Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to reject the RTTT application process for the second round. Approved 2-0.

Under New Business, Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to approve the 2010-2011 School Committee Meeting Schedule. Approved 2-0.

The following policies were discussed and will be voted at the June meeting:

- Policy JIA-A: Student Due Process Rights
- Policy JK-3: Discipline of Students on 504 Plans

Vice-Chair Robert Halla read a letter from the Conway School Committee thanking the Whately School Committee and elementary school for hosting their pre-school and Kindergarten students for 17 days in June.

Superintendent Nash provided the Principal's Report. It included a School Choice update, the work of the Anti-Bullying Committee, details of the Conway visit and an update on the Positive Character Trait program.

Dr. Nash presented the Superintendent's Report. She highlighted information on the most recent Regionalization Report and provided copies of the newly updated School Crisis Staff Handbook which will be distributed for the 2010-2011 school year.

She also spoke to the issue of CPA-related priorities. It has been requested that the School Committee provide feedback to the Whately CPA Committee as to any items that it would like to see included in the Town's CPA plan. It was agreed that the School Committee would add this topic to its June meeting agenda.

Donald Skroski moved, seconded by Robert Halla, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.
Approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools