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MINUTES
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Date – July 27, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Daryl Rynning, Chairman
Peter Carlson, Member
Donna Stock, Member

Members Absent: Laura Often, Vice Chair
Teri Turgeon, Secretary

Student Bianca Carangelo
Representatives: Hannah Kelley

Also Present: Dr. James Cummings, Superintendent of Schools
Tracey Calo, Assistant Superintendent
Daniel Gale, Finance Director

Call to Order – Open Session

- a. Chairperson's Update:
 - b. Community Groups and Citizens
1. Educational Reports – None
 2. General Business
 - a. Collaborative Report – Reports are given quarterly by Dr. Cummings, he also distributes documents throughout the year electronically to keep the committee up to date. He was waiting on the yearend report, and would distribute this as soon it arrived. Assabet Valley Collaborate update were given as well. Dr. Cummings outlined a program called Administrator District Determine Measurers, which Mr. Pignataro and Mr. Phelps participated in. They spent time at the collaborative working with others to create a pilot program. Once a format is found, districts will use this model, content may differ based on the district but the set up will be in a model format. Dr. Cummings gave an update relative to SWEC, it had seen a deficit but is now moving in a more positive direction. Elizabeth Fitzmaurice, a

former Franklin Special Education Director and Grafton resident was now the director of SWEC...

- b. Solar Update – Postponed to a later date
 - c. Project Updates: Dr. Cummings outlined several Capital Improvement Projects underway this summer. He showed pictures of each project. The projects reviewed by Dr. Cummings were; South Grafton Elementary computer lab, and Library. North Grafton Elementary; remove carpeting in the cafeteria and three classrooms, allowing for easier maintenance and cleaning. Administrative staff was relocated; they were ahead of schedule and expected to be done in a week. Millbury Street Elementary; roof replacement began and was expected to be completed under budget. They would know more in about a week. The sidewalk replacement project was complete. North Grafton Middle School and North Grafton Elementary; 3 oil tanks were being removed later in the summer/early September. North Grafton Elementary, North Street Elementary and the Middle School all had planned Sewer Drain Line replacement, NGES was complete and the others were starting in the near future. The interior of the Millbury Street Elementary School was underway. A team of interior design students from Blackstone Valley Tech were working on this project with Mr. LeMay and Staff. They may be back during the school year for additional projects. Mrs. Rynning would like to see some of the projects.
3. School Committee Member Reports
 - a. Mr. Carlson noted that “Lucky” the owner of Pepperoni Express would like to do fundraising for the Special Education Program. Mr. Carlson spoke with Mr. Lundwall about this. They will reach out to Derek Parotta the Chair of the Special Education Parents Advisory Council and all connect with Lucky on this idea.
 4. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. District Update - Derek Parotta met with the entire district team regarding the importance of communication, open houses, and public forums. He wants to improve on this and keep the Special Educations Parent Advisory Council more informed. Dr. Cummings thanked the maintenance staff for their efforts and tremendous amount of work this summer as all the capital projects were underway. Summer School Programs were underway and going strong at the High School and Elementary School. On August 3rd, the district would be welcoming a new technology Director, Neil Trahan. The former IT Director, Andy Marcinek accepted a technology position in Washington DC.
 5. Future Agenda Planning:
 - a. Mrs. Rynning suggested a workshop on August 24th to discuss strategy overview, website, how we handle interviewing the new member and possible agenda layout, and shared human services. The status of the HR Position was discussed. Dr. Cummings would see where the town was at

with this position. Mrs. Stock felt if the schools contribution was going to be greater than the town's, the School should have ownership of the position. The position was advertised; however the requested higher salary range was much higher than anticipated. Mr. Carlson would like to see where the priorities were on both the School side and Town; make sure all are on the same page before moving forward. Mrs. Rynning felt this could be discussed at a work shop; invite the Selectmen.

6. Financial Report

- a. A motion was made by Mrs. Stock to approve Warrant #54, dated June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$597,967.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Carlson. Motion Carried 3-0.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Carlson that the School Committee approve Warrant #3 dated July 16, 2015 in the amount of \$48,327.98. Motion Seconded by Mrs. Rynning. Motion carried 3-0.
- c. A motion was made by Mr. Carlson that the School Committee approve Warrant #5, dated July 30, 2015 in the amount of \$382,723.92. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stock. Motion Carried 3-0.

7. At 7:45 A Motion was made by Mrs. Stock to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Carlson. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Ide
Recording Secretary