

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010, 6:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2010, at 6:30 PM at the High School Library. Committee members present were: Mrs. Pezzella, Mr. Mills, Mr. Mullen, and Mrs. Werkheiser. Also present were Superintendent Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Scarpelli, Mrs. Cusick, and Student Representative Ellie Gladstone.

Mrs. Sheehan, Memorial Park Principal, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. O'Day, Mrs. Donovan, Memorial Park teachers, Mr. Arbuckle, Patriot Ledger, and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV were present in the audience.

Mrs. Pezzella introduced Student Representative Ellie Gladstone and noted that Mr. Norris was out of town.

On motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2010, were accepted.

Superintendent Retchless announced that when the Green Committee meets the meeting has to be posted because there will be a quorum of School Committee members present. The Energy Committee received notice of a \$150,000 grant that has been received for a solar panel array at the Esten. Mr. Retchless thanked the Committee for their tireless efforts in this area. Between the high school and Esten School, there will be a \$10,000 savings in energy. It was announced that the Book Club will meet again on March 19th at the high school. The Superintendent reviewed the AASA conference that he attended in Arizona giving the Committee information about No Child Left Behind and the elimination of AYP. Teachers will now be considered highly effective teachers.

The minutes of the South Shore Regional School District Committee for January 20, 2010 were noted.

A request from the Rockland Memorial Library to distribute flyers at the pre-school and elementary schools was approved on the recommendation of the Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

On four separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the following January Financial Reports were accepted:

- 1) School Department
- 2) High School Student Activities
- 3) Middle School Student Activities
- 4) Cafeteria

Mrs. Sheehan introduced Mrs. Beal, Mrs. O'Day, Mrs. Donovan, Memorial Park teachers, and Grade 1 students who displayed projects completed in math to celebrate the 100th day of school.

Mr. Scarpelli reported that the FY10 Budget is on schedule thanks to the override and the fact that the energy level is the same as last year.

Mrs. Werkheiser reported that the Green Committee will be reporting for five years after the Middle School project is completed and that the Environmental Club will be involved. There was a CM at Risk walk through of the proposed areas. There will be OSHA training for all members of the Committee. The Park Department met with the architects to discuss parking and new fencing. It was announced that Bond Counsel has okayed the payment of bills for the project. The foundation of the project could start in the spring.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to approve the proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous. It was noted that the high school in-service dates will be devoted to the NEASC report preparation.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to approve the proposed Middle School fundraiser. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

Superintendent Retchless gave the Committee an overview of the relocation of the Superintendent's office that will be located at the Lincoln School. The staff will occupy the first floor with a Professional Development room on the second floor. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Spurr for his efforts to find a location for the office staff. On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, it was voted to approve the relocation.

On the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, it was voted to award the Esten School Window bid to North East Energy Control Systems in the amount of \$125,392. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

The Superintendent reviewed the personnel information for January and February highlighting the retirement of Mrs. Richardson, Special Education driver, after thirty-two years and Mr. Langill, School Security officer.

Ms. Gladstone announced that the Environmental Club will be holding a fundraiser and a blood drive. The Building Committee will meet on Thursday, March 4th at the Town Hall. The Committee thanked the Energy Committee and the Building Committee for their tireless efforts on the part of the school department. It was announced that the high school hockey team, boys' and girls' basketball teams are all in post season play.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary