

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010, 6:30 PM
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The School Committee met on Monday, June 28, 2010, at 6:30 PM in 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, and Mrs. Cusick.

Present in the audience were Mr. Sangster, High School Principal; Mr. Stanish, Middle School Principal and wife; Dr. Levine, & Mr. Kohn, Jefferson School Co-Principals and wives; Mrs. Sheehan, Memorial Park Principal; and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV.

Mrs. Pezzella noted that Mr. Norris was absent due to a commitment.

Mrs. Pezzella asked the audience for a moment of silence in order to recognize the passing of State Representative Robert Nyman.

On the motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2010 were accepted.

On the motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2010 were accepted.

Superintendent Retchless introduced Mr. Stanish, Mr. Kohn, and Dr. Levine, retiring Principals and thanked them for their many years of dedication to the Rockland Public Schools. Mrs. Pezzella called upon members of the Committee to express their thoughts with regard to the retirements. Each member commended the Principals for their efforts on behalf of the students, staff and administration. Mrs. Pezzella presented a gift to each of the Principals.

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

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

On sixteen separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the following May/June Monthly Reports were accepted:

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| 1) Art | Mrs. Gibson |
| 2) Athletic | Mr. Graziano |
| 3) Computer Technology | Mr. Wells |
| 4) Day Care | Mrs. Veiga |
| 5) Deans | Mrs. Schipper/Mr. Damon |
| 6) English | Ms. McDonough |
| 7) Family Consumer Sci./Tech Ed. | Mr. Graziano |
| 8) Foreign Language | Mrs. Palmer |
| 9) Library/IMC | Mrs. Linehan |
| 10) Math | Mr. Casagrande |
| 11) Music | Mr. Harden |
| 12) Radio/TV Station | Mr. Cable-Murphy |
| 13) Science | Mr. Casagrande |
| 14) Social Studies | Mr. Grimmitt |
| 15) Special Education (8-12) | Mrs. McGonnigal |
| 16) Middle School | Ms. Bohn |

Mr. Scarpelli announced that, thanks to the override, the budget will end the year well. There has been an increase in staff Professional Development and technology. New textbook adoptions approved by the School Committee have been ordered for the coming year.

Mrs. Werkheiser announced that there have been meetings with the Park and Highway Departments as well as the Administrators and the Police Department to discuss security. Temporary parking will begin in August. The Committee discussed the construction of a new ticket booth and a bullpen. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 7th.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to approve the proposed 2010-2011 Day Care Staff Policies and Procedures Handbook and the Day Care Staff Parent Handbook. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to approve the proposed 2010-2011 Elementary Handbook with the amendment changing a page reference error. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, it was voted to hold the School Committee Summer Meeting on August 23, 2010.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, it was voted to ratify the list of Administrative, Support & Non-Union Staff salaries.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to declare as surplus a list of items from the High School Library. It was suggested that the oversize title books be donated to the Senior Center. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to declare as surplus a list of items from the High School Radio Station. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to declare as surplus a list of items from the Middle School Library. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous.

Superintendent Retchless announced that Mr. Fred Brown, retired Physical Education teacher at Esten School, presented Mrs. McGrath and staff with a donation check for \$10,000. The money will be used to buy technology items such as document cameras and LCD projectors. On the motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, it was voted to accept the donation and to send Mr. Brown a thank you letter.

The Superintendent announced his intention to reappoint the 11, 12 Month Contract staff and School Security. (attached)

The Superintendent reviewed personnel information for May and June.

Each Committee member expressed sympathy and condolences to Representative Nyman's family and mentioned his many contributions to the Town of Rockland. The Committee wished the town a safe summer and good luck to college bound students.

On motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary