

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION NOTES**

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### **JAMESTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING: SEPTEMBER 16, 2010**

**Consent Agenda:** The committee approved payment of bills and the minutes of June 3. The committee also approved the appointment of Christina Moorehead as crossing guard; and accepted the retirement of custodian John Kenyon, effective September 1, 2010.

#### **Correspondence**

*Letters received:*

- From Lisa Carlyle, an email concerning the color of new outside doors.

#### **Old Business**

*Food Service Update:* Sodexo held the second annual "All Rhode Island Local Day" on September 16.

#### **New Business**

*Washington County Regional Planning Council Presentations on Energy Management Program*

*(WCRPC):* Jeff Broadhead, Executive Director of the Washington County Regional Planning Council, outlined the proposed energy program, the project coordinator role of WCRPC, and the potential levels of involvement of participating districts. Mr. Broadhead responded to the superintendent's and committee's questions about participating districts' responsibilities.

*Jamestown Participation Agreement for Energy Management Program:* This committee will consider entering into the participation agreement at a future meeting.

*Jamestown Teacher Association Contract:* Ms. Kaiser reported that negotiations are ongoing.

*SELAC Annual Report:* Co-chair Lisa Eastep presented the 2009-2010 Annual Report, which details the year's accomplishments.

*Summer School Report:* Director of Student Services Gwenn Spence shared participation figures for the extended school year program and updated the committee on the start of the school year.

*Non-Resident Tuition:* The committee voted to approve a non-resident tuition of \$8033, as recommended by the superintendent and finance director.

*Review of Fees, Substitute Pay Rate:* The committee accepted the superintendent's recommendation that there be no change in the building use fee schedule, substitute teacher rates and preschool tuition rate.

*2011 School Committee Meeting Schedule:* The committee voted 3-0 to approve the calendar.

#### **Information and Proposals:**

*Superintendent's Report:* The superintendent reported on a successful opening day; and on addressing bus parking issues.

*Principals' Report:* Both principals reported on upcoming assessments (Degree of Reading Power in grades 2-4 and 5-8 in September; NECAP testing in October); and on the September 16 Jamestown

### *Jamestown Schools: A School-Community Partnership*

All Local Lunch. Principal Melucci updated the committee on the pre-school and kindergarten orientation; and the faculty's review of emergency drill procedures. She also shared that reading consultant Bill Oehlkers is providing early literacy professional development for grades K-2; that teacher Phil Capaldi facilitated for the Melrose faculty an introduction to the book "Writing in Science" by Betsy Rupp Fulwiler; that teacher Faith Krause shared her experience in science notebooking; and that all teachers at Melrose are implementing science notebooking in their classrooms. Principal Almanzor reported on author Mawi Asegedom's inspiring presentation to Lawn and Thompson Middle School students; on students' discussions of the presentation during Advisory; and on plans for ongoing classroom activities related to Asegedom's book. She also detailed the new language arts curriculum designed for 21<sup>st</sup> century learners that is being piloted in grades 7 and 8; and shared the news that teachers Nick Alfred, Kristen DeSantis and Christine Bernardo are participating in a beta study to see how teachers use the PBS national media service for teachers. Ms. Almanzor provided the committee with a copy of the Lawn School Learning Compact.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Lawn School Improvement Team:* The group discussed the use of a Google worksite to provide access to up-to-date minutes and to allow members to collaborate on the creation of documents. The group also discussed the Lawn School Learning Compact, which will be introduced at the Open House.
- Melrose School Improvement Team:* Marilyn Hostetler presented a website that will allow SIT members to edit documents collaboratively, vote, and connect between meetings. Members also reviewed last year's events and discussed funding for an outdoor classroom.
- SELAC:* Details on the annual report are provided above.
- North Kingstown High School:* The NK School Committee discussed the establishment of a student advisory council; potential consolidation of select school and town functions; the wind energy feasibility study results; and the new curriculum website initiated by Assistant Superintendent Phil Auger.
- SORICO:* RIDE Associate Commissioner David Abbott presented on the four-year roll-out/implementation of Race to the Top initiatives. Districts are required to submit action plans within the next month; South County districts agreed to work on different pieces of the plan to implement RTT goals. Dana Center representatives will work with SORICO on developing a math curriculum.
- Legislative:* No report.
- Facilities:* Mr. Whitehouse will touch base with Mr. Kitts on the issue of the color of outside doors.
- Wellness:* No report.
- Policy:* Sub-committee members will generate a meeting schedule.

*The next workshop meeting of the Jamestown School Committee will be on October 7. The next business meeting will be on Thursday, October 21. All open meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Lawn Avenue School Library.*