

MINUTES  
School Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, August 4, 2010  
Norfolk Town Hall – Room 124

**Present:** John Olivieri, Ross Gilleland, Linda Andrews, Thomas Doyle and Shawn Dooley

**Also present:** Dr. Claire Jackson, members of the community and staff

Shawn Dooley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Pimental, 76 Boardman Street, asked the School Committee about the outcome of the Ad Hoc Committee's deliberations regarding the access road.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULAR ITEMS**

Announcements:

Mr. Olivieri inquired about the new House Bill 4935 related to insurance coverage for students with autism that will become effective on 1/1/11. Dr. Jackson agreed to provide information to the Committee as it becomes available.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

Bicentennial Park

Exhibit 1

Mr. Dooley, Chair, discussed the conclusion of the research done by the town counsel regarding the ownership of the Bicentennial Park. According to town Counsel, the school department owns the land.

Mr. Dooley proposed that the School Committee vote to reclaim the land for potential use for the new school building project. He recommended making the decision before August 15th when the final bids are completed. The School Committee may use the land for purposes of a school building site. Mr. Gilleland commented that there are currently not enough reasons to use this land for an access road and the NSBC and Ad Hoc Committee will be making a recommendation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Doyle made a motion that the School Committee vote to reinforce the understanding that the School Committee has the care, custody, and control of Bicentennial Park as school property as outlined in Exhibit 1, the written opinion by George Hall, Town Counsel. Mr. Gilleland seconded. 4 in favor. 1 opposed. **The motion passed.**

### Norfolk Community League

NCL has requested permission to place yard signs at schools for an upcoming fundraiser.

Mr. Gilleland would like to review school committee policy to add certain groups for blanket approval for a period of time.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Gilleland made a motion to permit NCL and TPA approval to place signs at the H. Olive Day and Freeman-Centennial for a 2-year period.

Mr. Doyle seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

### Open Meeting Law Meeting

Exhibit 2

King Philip will be having a meeting to review the new open meeting law on September 29, 2010 at 6 PM at King Philip Regional High School. All school committee members plan to attend.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### Home School

Exhibit 3

One home schooling application has been approved by the Superintendent. The Superintendent recommends approval by the School Committee.

**MOTION:** John Olivieri made a motion to approve the home school application as recommended by the Superintendent in accordance with MGL. Mr. Gilleland seconded. All in favor. **The motion passed.**

### Superintendent Search

Exhibit 4/7

Dr. Jackson suggested that the School Committee members conduct their own search to save \$8500. She has recommended a timeline to begin November 15th and ending in March. She distributed a draft advertisement and cost for advertising. Since most candidates will look on MASC, MASS and SchoolSpring.com websites and we are mailing a brochure to over 700 candidates through MASC, the School Committee agreed to advertise only in the Boston Globe. Mr. Dooley would like the School Committee to review and assist with recommendations for membership on the search committee. Community members who are interested in serving on the committee were asked to contact the school committee. A Connect-Ed message will be sent to the Norfolk families and King Philip families asking for volunteers for this committee.

### Common Core Standards

Exhibit 5

Dr. Jackson introduced the Common Core Standards, a common core of curriculum that has been adopted by over 25 states. These standards will help transient students understand the curriculum. Massachusetts has adopted the Standards and will begin to incorporate them as existing frameworks disappear. Common Core Standards will help us begin the work of developing our curriculum expectations.

### Invite to Opening Day

Dr. Jackson invited the School Committee to the opening day breakfast for the staff on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM at the H. Olive Day School cafeteria.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### School Building Committee

Exhibit 6

Mr. Dooley reported that the engineers and architects are receiving proposals from contractors. The Town of Norfolk is working with the gas company to have gas line installed. The next meeting of the Norfolk School Building Committee will be August 12th. Ms. Andrews requested a presentation from the School Building Committee at the next meeting.

### King Philip Liaison Report

Ms. Andrews reported that the assistant principals attended an anti-bullying conference and that Dr. Zielinski will be inviting the media and community in to tour the King Philip schools in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### School Committee Retreat

The School Committee will attend a retreat and a cookout with the central office on August 15th at Shawn Dooley's house on Cleveland Street.

Mr. Gilleland inquired about the new bullying law. Dr. Jackson informed the committee that the teachers and administrators will be participating in professional development and that the handbook is being updated to comply with all changes to the law.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

Changes were made to the July 7, 2010 minutes. They will be revised and voted on at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Community members spoke about the access road.

Lynn Worthy, Geneva Road asked the School Committee to look at the implications of the access road to the residents of her neighborhood. She added that she believed that Mr. Dooley should not be a member of the ad-hoc committee.

David Pimental, Boardman Street and David Moore, 61 Boardman Street  
Are in favor of the access road for safety reasons.

**MOTION:** Mr. Gilleland made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies for collective bargaining and review of current teacher contract not return to return to regular session. Mr. Doyle seconded. **The motion passed.**

Roll call:

John Olivieri

Linda Andrews

Ross Gilleland

Shawn Dooley

Thomas Doyle

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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The next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2010

**EXHIBITS**

1. Bicentennial Park – Legal Opinion, 8/4/2010
2. Announcement: Open Meeting Law Meeting at King Philip, 9/29/10
3. Home School, 8/4/2010
4. Superintendent Search – A, B, 8/4/2010
5. Common Core Standards, 7/21/10
6. School Building Committee Minutes, 7/15/10, 7/21/10
7. Superintendent Advertisement – Draft, 8/4/2010

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