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School Committee Chair: D. LaPointe

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:02 P M.

Present: Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Dawn Harris, Larry Murphy,
Steve Haddad, Superintendent

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none

4. Correspondence and Announcements: The Tri-Board meeting is moved to September 15, 2016 at 6:30 PM. The School Committee will hold a business meeting at 6:00 PM.

5. Student Representative: None

6. Student Recognition: None, Teacher of the Month: None

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad J. Corbosiero moved to approve the Custodians contract for July 1, 2015- June 30, 2018. Second by D. Harris. Approved 4-0-0. There is a Pizza/Ice Cream Social at TTE on August 22nd at Noon. The committee is invited; the event is not funded by the FY'17 budget. Middle School Principal Len Mackey resigned effective August 8, 2016. S. Haddad reviewed the building administrator assignments and the mentors he is considering for Mary Aker, Interim Principal at TTE and Suzanne Michelle, Interim Principal at Memorial. Michelle Atter and Mary Aker voiced appreciation regarding the promised support. Richard Ikonen can answer financial questions. There was an Administrators Retreat this morning; it will be concluded tomorrow.

L. Murphy reviewed the ambassador program he is a part of; it is state sponsored and no cost to the district. There should be a report on the strategic planning by November; it will be helpful during the budget process. The Economic Planning Committee invited the school committee to be involved in some meetings; S. Haddad and D. LaPointe will attend on August 24th. Further discussion included having a budget presentation at town meeting that is transparent and backed by data. S. Haddad and R. Ikonen will attend the next several FinCom meetings to answer any questions that arise. J. Corbosiero will attend the September 13th meeting. S. Haddad reviewed the improvements the 'state guests' have made at TTE. The timeline for the playground work was discussed; Corey Wilson donated excavation equipment and time. Tina Santos noted there is a fundraiser at Lickety-Splitz on August 27th; a portion of the proceeds will go to the TTE Playground fund. She reviewed other fundraising events. Powell Landscaping donated mulch/woodchips and other paving materials. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony where donations will be publically recognized.

Richard Ikonen, new Business Manager, is working with Bill; FY'17 has been entered into Munis. J. Corbosiero asked for a report as soon as it is ready.

Business Office Report: None

8. Old Business:

- a. Policies and Procedures for New Hires - L. Murphy moved to table to the next meeting. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.

9. New Business:

- a. Reorganization of School Committee - Should say Sub-committees; the item was tabled from the last meeting.

Policy- Greg Vine (absent)
Negotiations-Custodians- G. Vine & J. Corbosiero
Secretaries- D. LaPointe & D. Harris
Para-Professionals- J. Corbosiero & L. Murphy
Teachers- L. Murphy & G. Vine
Afterschool Program (21st Century Program) - D. Harris
Wellness- D. Harris
Capital Planning-G. Vine
Sick Bank- J. Corbosiero
FinCom- D. LaPointe & J. Corbosiero
IPOD- D. LaPointe and L. Murphy
Calendar- L. Murphy
Town-wide Audit- G. Vine
CAPS- L. Murphy
FLAAC- S. Haddad (Superintendent)

J. Corbosiero moved to approve the sub-committee assignments as stated. Second by D. Harris.
Approved 4-0-0.

A District-wide Fundraiser Calendar, effective FY '17-18, will be created; it was agreed a sub-committee was not needed. J. Romano noted the Middle & High School (including athletics) coordinate their calendars; it needs to be consolidated with the elementary schools. The online calendars need to be updated on a regular basis; the first draft should be done each spring. Training on the website is needed.

- b. Student Accepted at Murdock Academy-S. Haddad reported that a Junior student has asked to join the school; one parent lives out of state. The issue will be forwarded to legal counsel prior to a vote by the committee.
- c. Mandatory Breakfast Program- It requires the school provide breakfast but it is not free except for free/reduced meal students. The Murdock Middle/High school would use 1 (one) code because the schools share a kitchen; this satisfies the program requirements.
- d. Handbook Review - Murdock High School-J. Romano reviewed the changes effective for the Freshman & Sophomores this year; for all 4 grades starting next year. L. Murphy moved to accept the Murdock High School Student Handbook in its totality. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.

10. Citizens Questions and Comments: Tina Santos, resident and student parent, noted that some of the phone numbers in the TTE handbook were incorrect; the problem will be fixed. She also asked that voicemails be responded to. L. Murphy stated that improved communication and protocols will be put in place; he urged all parents to bring their concerns to the building administrators. He reviewed the grievance protocol procedure.
11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released: none
12. Questions and Comments by Members: L. Murphy commended the administrative team on the work accomplished during the retreat.
13. Other: none
14. Future Agenda Items:
 - a. Monty Tech Representative - FY17 Quarterly Meeting Schedule
 - b. Communication between Schools and Home (Carolyn Hendricks)
15. Executive Session: none
16. Adjournment: 7:31 P.M. L. Murphy moved to adjourn. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary