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School Committee Chair: D. LaPointe

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:00 P M.

Present: Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Dawn Harris, Larry Murphy
Steve Haddad-Superintendent, Richard Ikonen-Business Manager

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none

4. Correspondence and Announcements: Ann Marie Slomcheck, WPS teacher, emailed staff asking them and their students to participate in the Operation Winchendon Cares holiday mailing on November 5th. Volunteers and donations are welcomed. S. Haddad recounted his involvement in the organization, personally and through the Murdock Devils Den.

5. Student Representative: Alyssa LaBrack noted Spirit Week just ended and was very successful. The Powderpuff game is changed to November 2nd at 6:00 PM. A bottle drive is scheduled for November 19th to benefit the 7th grade trip to Camp Takodah. Field Hockey has a chance to make districts for the first time in a very long time; their record is 6-7-4. The team will play against Fitchburg tomorrow. The HS Student Council will attend the Central District Fall conference at Tantasqua Regional HS on November 9th. A Middle School Halloween Dance will be held on November 4th at TTE. Murdock students will participate in the MASC Unified Sport Bocce Tournament on November 13th at Westborough HS.

6. Student Recognition: Pre-School Emilee Laraba; Memorial-Liam Murphy, 1st grade; Toy Town Elementary-Sophia Beauvais, 3rd grade, Murdock Middle School-Tiana Grassele, 6th grade; Murdock High School-Gloryanny Andino, 12th grade; Murdock Academy-Isaiah Wilson, 10th grade.

6:32 PM J. Corbosiero moved for a 5-minute recess. Second by D. Harris. Approved 4-0-0.

6:40 PM Reconvened in open session.

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad urged residents to vote no on Question 2. He read a statement from a MTA representative that asked the school committee members to attach their name to it as a sign of support for the WPS. L. Murphy noted the committee already voted 'no' on the resolution. Discussion included state funds and grants lost each year due to charter schools, which translates into lost staff and programs. The committee concluded it does not make economic sense, and the available funds should be used to improve the schools the state already has. Citing test data, Pre-K Director Suzanne Michel stated that more funding meant more classroom hours and time on learning. This resulted in measurable increases in basic concept knowledge and could reduce the need for intervention services later.

S. Haddad noted the administrative team talked about areas of weakness, especially reading comprehension; the IPOD will incorporate the common threads from each school and develop them into district wide goals. Josh Romano reviewed the process to create the IPOD. A draft of a 5-year plan will be presented to the school committee. S. Michel reviewed the professional development day plans on November 8th. Kristina Mecelicaite submitted the District Accountability Review on time on October

26th. The state will review it and do site visits and interviews. The new phones for TTE and Memorial will be installed on December 5th. Security cameras will be installed during the holiday vacation. A parent requested additional crossing guard coverage at Elmwood Road; S. Haddad will look into it. The MIAA announced that Murdock is on the Sportsmanship Honor Roll for the 2015-2016 school year. The Middle school football team is 6-0. The committee is invited to the game against Uxbridge on November 9th. Team members performed community service at Broadview, doing yard work and visiting with the residents. The varsity football team lost their homecoming game after it was called due to rain and then rescheduled. The game was recorded and will be aired on the local cable channel. The final 3 games should be played at home.

The audit committee needs a school representative. L. Murphy nominated Dawn Harris. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.

Business Office Report: R. Ikonen reviewed articles for the Special Town Meeting on November 14th. Article 6-the district is asking for \$56,328.76 to pay unpaid bills dating back to 2008; R. Ikonen reviewed the bills. The BOS and FINCOM voted for it. A budget report will be presented at the first meeting of each month. R. Ikonen does not know if the district has received any lunch money reimbursements from state.

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business:

- a. Authorize Murdock Middle & High School Student Activities Accounts- Individual accounts were discussed. R. Ikonen said the accounts can be further divided after the audit this year, noting they need to be compartmentalized and tracked. D. Harris moved to approve the accounts as presented. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.
- b. Fundraiser Calendar -Josh Romano manages the MMHS calendar. Carolyn Hendricks and S. Haddad manage the district wide calendar.
- c. Approval of School Clubs -L. Murphy moved to approve as presented with the exception of ice hockey (removed). Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0.
- d. FLLAC Representative - J. Corbosiero nominated Superintendent Haddad. Second by
- e. L. Murphy. Approved 4-0-0.
- f. 2nd Grade Report Card - D. Harris moved to approve with the noted corrections. Second by
- g. L. Murphy. Approved 4-0-0.
- h. Policy Revisions - J. Corbosiero moved to accept the Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug use by Students Prohibited policy and Teaching about Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug policy. Second by D. Harris. Approved 4-0-0.

10. Citizens Questions and Comments: none

11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released:

- a. Thursday, October 6, 2016-Regular Meeting-amend spelling of names and 'the district will discuss making a joint purchase to maximize savings'. D. Harris moved to approve with the changes discussed. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 3-0-1. J. Corbosiero abstained.

12. Questions and Comments by Members: The November 10th meeting will start at 6:00 PM with the BOS as a joint meeting to appoint a school committee member. It will be followed by the regular school committee meeting. The Special Town Meeting is November 14th.

13. Other: none

14. Future Agenda Items:

- a. MCAS Test Scores
- b. District Accountability Report
- c. Town Manager and Tracy Murphy-Presentation of Energy Plan (11/10/16)
- d. Walkers and Riders Policy
- e. Monty Tech Representative - FY17 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

15. Executive Session: none

16. Adjournment: 7:53 P.M. L. Murphy moved to adjourn. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4 -0-0.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary