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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. **Call to order:** 6:01 P M.

Present: Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Larry Murphy, Felicia Nurmsen,  
Steven Haddad, Superintendent, Richard Ikonen, Business Manager

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Audio/Video Disclosure**

J. Corbosiero moved to move Agenda Item #4 to after agenda 10, to make it Agenda Item 11.  
Second by F. Nurmsen. Approved 3-1-0.

5. **Citizen Questions and/or Comments:**

Fader Berndt, Glenallen St., wanted to thank Mr. Haddad and his crew. He noted his daughter is the first student enrolled in the Academy to graduate. He stated that he wants the district to keep it going, adding that no other town has this and that it is successful. L. Murphy commended S. Haddad, Josh Romano and the staff at Murdock Academy.

6. **Student/Staff Recognition:**

**Pre-K:** (April) - Jaxson Smith and (May) - Levi Murphy

**Memorial:** (April) - Caleb Lafrennie, 1<sup>st</sup> grade & (May) - Ethan Musgrove, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Toy Town Elementary:** (April) - Jacob Lively, 5<sup>th</sup> grade & (May) Cody Nolette, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Murdock Middle School:** (April) - Camille Hart, 6<sup>th</sup> grade & (May) Damon Legault, 6<sup>th</sup> grade & Stacey Wood, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Murdock High School:** (April) Cassidy Stadtfeld, 9<sup>th</sup> grade & (May) Chloe Lawrence, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Murdock Success Academy:** (April) Mateo DeLaRosa, & (May) Nicholas Cefole (graduating Senior)

Dillon Gomez, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, congratulated Mateo DeLaRosa on all of his successes despite recent struggles and challenges. He talked about how his friend helped him through difficult times of his own. He is very thankful to have Mateo in his life.

6:50 PM J. Corbosiero moved for a 10-minute recess for photographs. Second by D. LaPointe.  
Approved 4-0-0.

7:01 PM Reconvened.

7. **Teaching and Learning Highlights:** (*1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month*)

J. Corbosiero moved to move (Agenda Item) 10.a up to right now, which would be 8. Second by D. LaPointe. Approved 4-0-0.

**10. New Business:**

Out of State Field Trip Approval: Grade 5 - Lisa Barbaro, Toy Town Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, gave details and explained the purpose of the trip to Lake Monomonac, Rindge, NH. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. The students will work with NH scientists and participate in testing the lake water and collecting plankton samples for class use. J. Corbosiero moved to approve the out of state field trip to Rindge, NH for June 7<sup>th</sup> for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Second by D. LaPointe. Approved 4-0-0.

Grade 3 - June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ms. Chambers to Stonewall Farm, Keene, NH. J. Corbosiero moved to approve. Second by F. Nurmsen. Approved 4-0-0.

Grade 7 - Field Trip to Camp Takodah, Richmond, NH on May 22-25. The paperwork was signed; this step was omitted when the field trip was approved on May 4, 2017.

**8. Superintendent Report:**

S. Haddad thanked everyone who came out to Town Meeting to support the override and urged their support at the June 20, 2017 ballot vote. He discussed possible strategy ideas, including distributing fliers, setting up tables at town events such as the Summer Solstice on June 17<sup>th</sup> and at school events. The committee will garner support and answer questions. The Friends of Music are also making plans. After discussion, the committee agreed to schedule an Open Forum/Question and Answer session on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 PM. The location will be determined; it will be posted as a meeting to allow all members to attend. F. Nurmsen stressed the need to keep the momentum going and to harness all of the social media resources. Voter registration and absentee ballot information will be available. Information will be on the local Cable Channel 8 and in the Courier.

Summer Solstice Parade Participation (Agenda Item 9.c). S. Haddad invited the committee to walk the Summer Solstice Parade route.

F. Nurmsen will look at outside groups to lend support and help advertise the ballot vote. She said the committee and district needs to deliver 1 consistent message; she and D. Fronte (Communication Committee) will create a consistent message. The committee will discuss the contents of the message before it is presented to the public; it will be vote on at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The joint meeting with the BOS to appoint a new Monty Tech Regional School Representative is on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

S. Haddad thanked The Winchendon School and the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce for hosting a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The event, which included state and town officials, discussed why the Ch. 70 funding formula presents such a challenge.

S. Haddad praised the "great and well attended Spring Concert" on Tuesday that included the combined Middle and High School Band and Chorus, and the Chamber Singers.

S. Haddad is forming a committee to discuss and determine how to best use utilize the school's resources. Letters of interest should be sent to Carolyn Hendricks at Central Office. Other board members will be invited to participate; it is open to all residents. S. Haddad discussed the process of creating and organizing the committee, noting it is a time commitment. L. Murphy

will look into the parent group at Ash-West; the committee will also ask DESE for advice. A measurement of success will be discussed and determined.

The Best Robotics competition at Oakmont - The Winchendon team came in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams.

Gail Sarty, Assistant Business Manager, tendered her resignation, effective June 30, 2017. In order to accommodate accrued vacation and sick time, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> was her last day in the office. R. Ikonen will do payroll for the short term; an Accounts Payable clerk will be hired but otherwise the office duties will be split between the remaining workers/staff.

S. Haddad was able to reviewed the Memorial Day Ceremonies district wide.

**Business Office Report:** R. Ikonen noted his report is part of an agenda item further down.

**9. Old Business:**

- a. Health Insurance Policy - GCBDA - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - D. LaPointe read the policy. J. Corbosiero moved to accept the Policy as written as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. D. LaPointe - Aye; J. Corbosiero - Aye; F. Nurmsen - Aye; L. Murphy - Aye. Approved 4-0-0.
- b. Toy Town Flag Follow-up: S. Haddad reviewed the reasons for replacement. He believes the current one new one was donated by the Veterans. He will find out more.

**10. New Business:**

- b. Chartwells Food Service Bid - R. Ikonen apologized for the delay regarding delivering the bid proposal package. Only 1 bid was received; he explained how they are divided into territories among the participating providers. He will provide a copy of the RFP and the existing contract to committee members. J. Corbosiero reviewed her concerns about the proposed contract, noting the existing contract does not contain any detail about cleaning responsibilities. R. Ikonen noted he will request the committee to vote to accept the bid as written and to allow him to enter into negotiations for the contract based on the recommendation of the Business Manager and the Superintendent. The committee will review, discuss and vote on the bid at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. It is a (one) 1-year contract with the option of (two) 2 extended for (one) 1-year contracts. Chartwells asked for a 5-year contract; R. Ikonen stated that is not good business practice
- c. Summer Solstice Parade Participation - S. Haddad, J. Corbosiero, D. LaPointe and L. Murphy will participate in the parade.

**11. Questions and Comments from School Committee members:**

After discussion, D. LaPointe moved to have no July meeting and reconvene for the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-0. The committee will meet to vote on or resolve any issue that arises and needs immediate attention.

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

- a. Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, May 4, 2017- D. LaPointe moved to approve. Second by J. Corbosiero for discussion. A correction on page 2 needs to be made. Approved 4-0-0.

**12. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Monty Tech Committee Update
- b. SEPAC Update - K. Mecelicaite
- c. "Why Are Students Leaving?" Report
- d. Fox - Zip Trip - June 30, 2017
- e. Water Report - Jim Murphy
- f. How School's Improve by Engaging Families
- g. Ad Hoc Committee - S. Haddad
- h. June 20<sup>th</sup> Ballot Vote - Unified Message (discussion and vote)
- i. Chartwells Food Service Bid- Committee Vote (June 1)
- j. Minutes for the FY18 Budget Public Hearing, April 20, 2017 - Vote

**13. Executive Session: None**

**14. Adjournment:** 8:01 P.M. D. LaPointe moved to adjourn. Second by F. Nurmsen. Approved 4-0-0.

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