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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

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

Present: Dawn Harris, Greg Vine, Danielle Hart, Janet Corbosiero, Larry Murphy  
Superintendent -Steven Haddad  
Business Office/TMS-Mark Chapulis

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none

4. Correspondence and Announcements: none

5. Student Representative: Aidan Provost reviewed the sports schedule. The Student Council is sponsoring a Chuck-a-Duck competition at tomorrow nights' basketball game. Principals Day was celebrated last week; students gave them gifts and report cards. The Coaches vs. Cancer basketball game is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> with another Chuck -a-Duck contest. The Musical Into the Woods will be presented on February 5-6. Aidan will urge students to consider filling the open student seats on several committees.

6. Student Recognition: Memorial-Savannah Algeir, 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Toy Town Elementary-Ava Newton, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Murdock Middle School-Cassandra Burdick, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She was chosen to represent the district for Project 351. Aidan Provost urged her to attend MHS and inspire students there, noting "She's awesome!". Murdock High School-Josh Romano explained the requirements for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, noting the recipients represent the 76% of Murdock alumni who attend college. He recognized the following: Lyndsey Paul; a dual enrollment student, will graduate both MHS and MWCC in the spring. Zachery Mallette announced he joined the Army; Murdock Academy-Hannah DeJean, 9<sup>th</sup> grade. An upcoming regular student basketball game will feature Coaches vs. Cancer, an event to collect donations for the American Cancer Society.

6:28 PM J. Corbosiero moved to have a recess. Second by D. Hart. Approved 5-0-0.

6:39 PM Reconvened in open session.

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad noted the administration team met and appointed Joshua Romano as the Professional Development Chair. Mrs. Atter will represent the administration on the Calendar Committee. The district is looking for a nurse substitute for the middle and high school as a temporary position. The claim filed with MIAA Insurance Co. for \$8,500.00 for carpet cleaning at Memorial School after the Noro-Virus outbreak was denied. It will be appealed on recommendation of D. Hart. There was one physician confirmed case of the virus. The district custodians worked over the weekend to complete the disinfecting job. He reviewed the absentee numbers. L. Murphy stated Facilities Director Jim Murphy should be recognized for his efforts to find the lowest cost and the custodians for a job well done. Building administrators were given a brochure from the Mass. Bomb Squad; protocol regarding various types of threats and district response was discussed. The effect on time on learning was discussed, and the possibility of additional days added at the end of the school year.

Business Office Report:

a. Budget Development Timeline-M. Chapulis reviewed the new FY17 timeline and noted what has been done so far. Additional meetings with the FinCom and the BOS need to be scheduled. J. Corbosiero moved to move the meeting from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> because of the school vacation week. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 5-0-0. The preliminary budget will be given to the committee by February 12<sup>th</sup>.

D. Hart moved to have a Regular School Committee meeting Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, that we have Public Hearing Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and keep a Regular School Committee meeting for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> especially because the 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day and I would like more people to be able to attend the Public Hearing, so I would make the motion that we have the Public Hearing on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Second for discussion by L. Murphy.

G. Vine moved to amend the motion to schedule a meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Second by D. Hart. Approved 5-0-0.

J. Corbosiero moved to approve the motion as amended. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

J. Corbosiero thanked M. Chapulis for the new monthly report format; she had one tweak.

8. Old Business: none

9. New Business:

a. Appointment of School Committee member to Town Accountant Search Committee-G. Vine nominated Ms. Corbosiero. Second by D. Hart D. Harris nominated Mr. Murphy. He declined. Approved 4-0-1. J. Corbosiero abstained. A letter will be sent to the chair of the Selectmen via the Town Manager.

Negotiation sub-committees were discussed and reassigned; meeting schedules were discussed.

Secretaries-D. Harris and D. Hart

Teachers-G. Vine and L. Murphy

Custodians-G. Vine and J. Corbosiero

Paras-J. Corbosiero and L. Murphy

The Teachers Union requested negotiations be opened. Dawn will get back to them.

Carolyn at Central Office asked members to schedule a series of negotiation meetings to post.

10. Citizens Questions and Comments by Members: none

11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released: none

12. Questions and Comments by Members: J. Corbosiero welcomed L. Murphy again and commended him for talking to students at recognitions. L. Murphy stated it validates their achievement and recognized their parents and families. G. Vine praised the Talent Show and the Geography Bee at the Middle School. Camille Hart won the Spelling Bee at TTE. Nomination papers can be filed for vacant seats on town boards. S. Haddad announced that Larry Murphy will be Josh Romano's mentor, noting Mr. Murphy was awarded 'Principal of the Year' last year. L. Murphy explained his role; he also praised J. Romano's work to date.

13. Other: Several members noted the need to coordinate with Burton Gould to have another representative from Monty Tech attend with him. The Superintendent has offered to come; the list of questions D. Harris prepared will be sent to her. D. Hart noted concern about communication problems since Mr. Gould does not use email. J. Corbosiero noted coordination with the superintendent will help widen communication. G. Vine stated the concerns are not personal but about the number of students the district sends. Discussion included concerns that Monty Tech is no longer a vocational but a competing high school that has gone way beyond its' mission. The districts responsibility towards retaining students was noted, including a better job of marketing the schools. Ideas included printing a brochure, holding a curriculum night for parents and students and high-lighting graduates who have done well. The importance of marketing the district socially and completing the website was stressed.

14. Future Agenda Items:

A) Monty Tech Representative - FY16 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

B) School Committee Brainstorm Session

C) MASC -Dorothy Presser to hold another work shop

15. Executive Session: none

16. Adjournment: 8:34 P.M. D. Hart moved to adjourn. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary