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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:05 P M.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none

4. Correspondence and Announcements: The Murdock Middle School invited the School Committee to their Memorial Day exercises on May 26th. There are many upcoming events at Toy Town Elementary.

5. Student Representative -Aidan Provost reviewed the sports schedule. A Solo Concert will be presented from 5-7:30 PM on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Band Concert may 31<sup>st</sup>. The Music Awards night is June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reviewed the activities and events leading up to graduation. The '16-'17 Vice-President of the Student Council will be the next Student Representative. He stated he will miss holding this position and enjoyed it very much. G. Vine thanked him for his work.

6. Student Recognition: Memorial-Rebecca Beauvais, Kindergarten; Murdock Middle School-Lily Digman, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Murdock Academy-Ian Nault, graduating Senior and Faythe Doucette, graduating Senior (not present). There are 5 seniors graduating from the academy this year. The committee congratulated them.

6:30 PM G. Vine moved for a 5-minute recess. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0.

6:37 PM Reconvened.

Teacher of the Month-none

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad commended the Spring Concert, noting it was wonderful; students from the 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades performed. There was also a Middle School Art Show. He approved Ms. Murray's annual walking field trip on May 26<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.

\*Appoint to FLLAC Board - J. Corbosiero moved to continue to have Steve Haddad continue to be our representative on the FLLAC Board. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

Mary Alice Aker, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Science Teacher, was hired as the new Toy Town Elementary Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2016. She is certified as a Principal and will work with Mr. Mackey out of Toy Town. She is the Title II Administrator and leads the mentoring program for new teachers. She will be introduced at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Business Office Report: none

8. Old Business:

a. Day on the Hill Talking Points-Senator Gobi spent a lot of time with them. Each committee member reviewed specific talking points and the perspective of the MASC.

9. New Business:

a. Master Plan Committee Presentation - Penny Maliska, Chair of the Master Plan Committee, reported that Tracy Murphy, Director of Planning, has secured a lot of grant funding that has been dedicated toward data collection, with the assistance of Montachusett Regional Planning Commission. The committee reviews trends and suggest goals the community can consider. She explained the importance of the document; draft chapters will be released for community comment and input. She noted it is generally accepted practice to not include a chapter about the schools. The MPC would like the School Committee to provide a chapter projecting the needs and goals of the school district for a specific number of years. The MPC would need the document within a few months. G. Vine, MPC member, suggested a section include how the schools can tie into the economical and recreational goals of

the town. There will be a charette run by a facilitator that includes students to get their input. P. Maliska noted the importance of reaching out to the disenfranchised. The district will form a committee and heavily advertise the events' date.

b. Extended Day Program Summer Session for Toy Town and Memorial School-The Summer Program Proposal for the Elementary Summer Program was read aloud and discussed.

c. Chartwells contract renewal-Kate Levenworth will meet with S. Haddad tomorrow morning to discuss specifics; she is leaving the district in the near future. G. Vine moved to table discussion or renewal of the new contract with Chartwells until the June 2<sup>nd</sup> school committee meeting. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0. Representatives will also be asked to come to the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss specific points; the contract will be voted on then.

d. Invite Track 'New' record Holders to next Meeting -

e. Athletic User Fees-FY17 - G. Vine asked the committee to consider getting rid of them as an enticement for students to say in district. Approximately two-thirds (2/3) of the athletic revolving fund comes from the fees. AD Jen Whitaker had reported the fees will be the same as this year. She has formed a committee comprised of coaches and parents to talk about promoting sports. D. Harris, Murdock Boosters Club, will ask to be a part of the committee and give her input. No student is denied a place on a team due to financial reasons; 9 students currently receive 'scholarships'. Free/reduced lunch students are banked. D. Harris noted it costs the district \$126 per athlete per season over the budget.

f. Search Committee Updates -Interviews for the 2 Business Manager candidates are scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM and 6:15 PM. They will be video-taped and are open to the public. Town Accountant search-an offer was made; he should start very soon. He attended town meeting.

g. CEP-Community Eligibility Program-The Global Free Breakfast and Lunch Program could potentially cost the district. G. Vine moved that we reject participation in the CEP for this year. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0.

h. Policies - Policy Sub-Committee

i. Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities - JJ-E: Gender identity was added. G. Vine moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the proposed Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities policy. J. Corbosiero noted font size discrepancy and 1 spacing issue. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

ii. Professional Staff Hiring - GCF: L. Murphy moved to approve this reading as a revision if that is the finding or as the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the initial policy. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0.

iii. Sexual Harassment - ACAB: Typographical corrections were made. A previous version of this policy does exist. G. Vine moved to approve as a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with the noted amendments. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

iv. Sub Compensation-for Teachers, Para-Educators and Nurses: G. Vine moved to approve, with the editing and verbage changes, as a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 5-0-0. There will be training for the substitutes. The district is adopting the Aesops software system; the calling for subs will be automated, and will give access to lesson plans and special notes.

v. Procedures for New Hires/Termination/Resignation/Changes: L. Murphy moved to table. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

10. Citizens Questions and Comments by Members: none

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

a. March 10, 2016-Budget Public Hearing-J. Corbosiero moved to approve as written. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0.

b. March 10, 2016-Special Meeting in Superintendent Conference Room - G. Vine moved to approve. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0.

c. March 31, 2016-Regular Meeting- J. Corbosiero moved to approve. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

d. April 7, 2106-Regular Meeting-G. Vine moved to approve Second by J. Corbosiero.  
Approved 5-0-0.

e. May 5, 2016-Regular Meeting- G. Vine moved to approve Second by J. Corbosiero.  
Approved 5-0-0.

12. Questions and Comments by Members-G. Vine congratulated the kids who participated in the Middle School presentation of Shrek-The Musical, the Art Show as well as the Choral and Chorus presentation. At S. Haddad's suggestion, 'Upcoming Events' will be added to the agenda. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Boston is tomorrow and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade week at Camp Takodah is next week.

13. Other: Invite track new record holders to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. D. LaPointe will reach out to Burt Gould regarding the Monty Tech update. Superintendent evaluations by individual committee member are due to D. LaPointe by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

14. Future Agenda Items:

- a. June 2<sup>nd</sup>-Class Day
- b. June 3<sup>rd</sup>-Promenade and Prom-4:45 PM at MHS
- c. June 4<sup>th</sup>-Alumni Softball Game
- d. June 4<sup>th</sup>-Alumni Banquet-6 PM
- e. June 5<sup>th</sup>-Graduation-2 PM on the football field. The Boosters will donate water bottles.
- f. Monty Tech Representative - FY16 Quarterly Meeting (June, 2016)
- g. Athletic User Fees
- h. Chartwells-Contract renewal and WPS Custodians responsibilities - (June 2<sup>nd</sup> & June 16<sup>th</sup>)
- i. Tri-Board Meeting-June 13, 2016
- j. Superintendents Evaluation
- k. Quarterly CAPS update (Fall, 2016)
- l. Sub-committee assignments (August, 2016)
- m. Student Activity Balance approvals (August, 2016)
- n. Calendar of School Committee member annual requirements
- o. Invite Track new record holders (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- p. Introduction of Mary Alice Aker, TTE Assistant Principal (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- q. Introduction of new Business Manager (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- r. Procedures for New Hires/Termination/Resignation/Changes

15. Executive Session: none

16. Adjournment: 8:18 P.M. G. Vine moved to adjourn. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 5-0-0.

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