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School Committee Chair: 

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 4, 2018 - 6:00 pm

2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium

1. Call to order: 6:02 pm/ Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Dawn Fronte, Larry Murphy (Abs), Felicia Nurmsen (Abs), Roann Demanche, Greg Vine, Joan Landers, Interim Superintendent, Richard Ikonen, Business Manager

2. Audio/Video Disclosure: Barrie Martins

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments:

4. Student Representative Report:

- a. Blood Drive was a success – October 3rd Murdock High School had a successful Blood drive with 40 appointments made.
- b. Spirit Week (October 9th – 16th)
 - Color Wars – Tuesday 10/9/18
 - Red, White and Blue Day, soccer game at home – Wednesday 10/10/18
 - Meme Day – Thursday 10/11/18
 - Murdock Pride blue and white day, tailgating at 6 pm, football game at 7 pm. – Friday 10/12/18
 - Homecoming Dance at Toy Town Elementary – 7 – 10 pm – Saturday 10/13/18
 - Tourist Day, field hockey at home – Monday 10/15/18
 - Cancer Awareness Day – Tuesday 10/16/18

5. Student/Staff Recognition:

J. Lander explained that the student of the month scheduled for tonight was not able to come, but will be here on October 18th.

6. Teaching and Learning Highlights: None

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Field Trip – Redfern Art Center Keene State College
- b. Minutes:
 - i. School Committee Meeting, Special/Interviews August 9, 2018 - Corrected
 - ii. School Committee Meeting, July 19, 2019 - Corrected
 - iii. School Committee Meeting June 28, 2018 - Corrected
 - iv. School Committee Meeting, June 21, 2018 – Corrected
 - v. School Committee Meeting, June 7, 2018 – Corrected

The field trip form is missing from the packet. J. Landers requests to reach out to the Chair to approve the field trip if it is scheduled before the next school committee meeting (Oct. 18th), and if it is scheduled after the next meeting it will be put back on the consent agenda. G. Vine looking for a Motion to approve the field trip with the stipulation that if it is after the 18th it will come back for the committee's approval, and if it is before the meeting the Chair will be able to approve.

D. Fronte moves the motion, R. Demanche second. Vote: D. Fronte Aye, R. Demanche Aye, G. Vine Aye.

Minutes: D. Fronte made a motion to approve the minutes as listed, seconded by R. Demanche, Vote: D. Fronte Aye, R. Demanche Aye, G. Vine Aye - Approved

8. Superintendent Report:

- a. School/Community Interview Schedule Update:

J. Landers held her first Superintendent/Parent Advisory Council Meeting on Monday. She had parents come join the council held on the first Monday of each month in the Central Office Conference Room at 6 pm. J. Landers is excited about this group and was able to go over the purpose of the council and future topics. It was a very positive meeting. G. Vine asked if the participation was a broad base of parents. J. Landers described the group as different school levels and with some students in district and outside the district. J. Landers would like to have more participation will keep this council open to allow for others to come join the group. G. Vine asked if School Committee Members were able to pop in from time to time J. Landers stated that School Committee is welcome.

- b. Fall Town Meeting Update:

At the Board of Selectman meeting, two warrant articles went before the board. Final draft and two proposals are located in packets. One article was to fund for the bills that came to the district after June 30th and the second is for allocation of \$45,000 for a Director Curriculum starting the first of the year. Both were voted positively. Finance Committee will meet on October 10th, Fall Town Meeting on October 29th. J. Landers thanked the Chair, G. Vine for being there to present with her at the Board of Selectmen Meeting.

- c. Budget Update – FY2018 End of Year Report:

R. Ikonen included the monthly budget update report in the packets. J. Landers stated we continue to work with Mark Abraham of the Abrahams Group to finish the outstanding corrections to the FY2017 end of year report. This appears to be on schedule to complete the

process. The report was submitted originally, but there were some corrections. R. Ikonen has been working with Mark last week, the grants are cleared up and we are looking to have this closed tomorrow. J. Landers will notify the committee when this happens.

J. Landers did have to reach out to Jay Sullivan of the School Finance Department to request a two-week extension of the FY2018 end of year report. J. Sullivan did give the district until next Friday to file the FY2018 report.

G. Vine asked if the outstanding bills on the October 29th Town Meeting will affect the end of year timeline. J. Landers responded that it should not affect the FY2018 close on October 15th.

9. Business Office Report: None

10. Policy Sub Committee: None

11. Old Business:

a. Late Bus at Murdock Proposal

J. Landers met with R. Ikonen to go over different proposals for funding the late bus. They decided it made sense to run the late bus two days a week starting now, October 15th and going until December where they would reevaluate and see how many students are taking advantage of the late bus from the Peer Tutoring program. All of the grant funding for FY2019 is not in from state and federal government. Once this is in place we can make another evaluation of the need. G. Vine asked if it was only needed two days a week. J. Landers stated the request was for five days, but we do not know what the ridership will be so we are trying to assess the need and certain days, students are going to take advantage. It is definitely something we need to think about for the long term.

G. Vine asked J. Landers to explain from last School Committee Meeting the offer made by the Town Manager regarding using town vans. J. Landers stated one of the vans from senior center would be used but we would have to advertise for a driver and pay for that portion.

b. Update on Orientation requirements compliance and CORI Checks:

J. Landers reminded members that the paperwork in the packets from last meeting is due to the Town Hall.

c. Teacher Negotiations Upcoming Schedule:

J. Landers had a request from the Winchendon Teachers Association bargaining unit regarding having interest-based bargaining with Saturday sessions. This would allow for longer negotiation sessions. J. Landers reached out to Greg Vine and Larry Murphy regarding this proposed day and time, Saturday, Oct. 20th, times: 8 am – 11 am or 8 am – 12 pm. J. Landers would like to confirm the 8 am – 12 pm. G. Vine said 8 am – 12 pm will cover should they go over.

G. Vine asked to discuss the Sub-Committee assignments, specifically he realized he is on too many negotiation sub-committees and would like to be removed from the para-educator negotiation committee.

G. Vine asked to have a motion to have him removed from the para-educator negotiation sub-committee and appoint D. Fronte to take his place. R. Demanche moved to remove Greg Vine from the Para-educator Negotiation Sub-Committee and replace with D. Fronte. D. Fronte seconded the motion. Vote: D. Fronte – Aye, G. Vine – Aye, R. Demanche – Aye.

12. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Finish Summit Learning Questions: Identify location to direct parents for information.

13. Committee Member Comments: None

14. Executive Session: ***#2 To conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and return to open session for the sole purpose to adjourn.***

D. Fronte motioned to move into executive session for #2 To conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and return to open session for the sole purpose to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote: D. Fronte-Aye, R. Demanche

15. Adjournment: 6:40 pm (from Executive Session)

Submitted by: Barrie Martins, Recording Secretary
(Recorded 10/4/18)

List of Documents and Exhibits used:

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- MUNIS Monthly Update Report