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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016  
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:02 P M.

Present: Dawn Harris, Greg Vine, Danielle LaPointe, Janet Corbosiero, Larry Murphy  
Steve Haddad-Superintendent  
Marc Chapulis-Business Office, TMS

2. Pledge of Allegiance

J. Corbosiero moved to take Agenda Items 9. New Business b. and move it up to now. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

9. b. Annual Committee Election of Officers. J. Corbosiero commended D. Harris for her work as Chairperson. Noting that other committee members have expressed interest in the positions, and stressing her motion is not a reflection on D. Harris,

J. Corbosiero nominated D. LaPointe as Chairperson. Second by G. Vine.

L. Murphy nominated D. Harris. Second by D. LaPointe. D. Harris did not accept the nomination. L. Murphy withdrew his motion. He agreed that D. Harris has done a great job, noting she was a great help during his first year, and is a great leader.

VOTE: L. Murphy-Aye; G. Vine-Aye; J. Corbosiero-Aye; D. Harris-Aye; D. LaPointe-Aye. Approved 5-0-0. D. LaPointe assumed the role of Chairperson. G. Vine thanked D. Harris for her work.

G. Vine nominated J. Corbosiero as Vice-Chairperson. Second by L. Murphy.

D. LaPointe nominated D. Harris as Vice-Chairperson. Second by J. Corbosiero.

VOTE: L. Murphy voted for J. Corbosiero.

D. Harris voted for J. Corbosiero.

G. Vine voted for J. Corbosiero.

D. LaPointe voted for J. Corbosiero.

J. Corbosiero voted for D. Harris.

J. Corbosiero was approved as the Vice-Chairperson by a vote of 4-1-0.

After discussion, the committee decided to restructure the sub-committees at the end of the school year if needed.

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: Tom Kane, FinCom Chairman, stated he had questions about the school committees Town Meeting warrant article #4.

L. Murphy moved to move Agenda Item 7 to now. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

7. a. Warrant Articles for May 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting-The word SPED was dropped from one printing, causing confusion. M. Chapulis explained that the SPED Tuition Revolving Account received approximately \$108,000 annually; due to a student aging out the amount going into the account will be \$65,000. The matter can be clarified or amended on town meeting floor.

M. Chapulis explained that the Extended Day Revolving and the School Building Rental accounts may also need to be amended. The matter will be resolved in a few days. The appropriate agent at town hall will be asked to consult the school committee with regard to any changes to their submitted articles prior to printing and posting. The Business Manager will be part of any future revisions.

4. Correspondence and Announcements: Teacher Appreciation Week-S. Haddad sent the teachers an inspirational message, thanks and gratitude note. He reviewed the schedule of appreciation meals; the committee is invited. Winchendon Courier writers will be informed of school activities as he requested.

5. Student Representative-Aidan Provost reported students from many clubs contributed to and helped with the Teachers Appreciation breakfast at MHS today. The Scholars Dinner is on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. There is a Special Olympics pep rally on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Special Olympics will be held at Quabbin Regional High School on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Shrek the Musical will be presented at the Murdock Auditorium on May 13-15<sup>th</sup>. The Chorus Concert is on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Band Concert on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Members from several MHS clubs will provide childcare at the Annual Town Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Cassidy Stadtfeld, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Vice-President of the Student Council at Murdock Middle School, reported 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attended a performance of A Midsummer Nights' Dream at The Winchendon School; it was amazing. She reiterated the musical and concert schedules. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will go on their field trip to Boston on May 20<sup>th</sup>; the State House and a Red Sox game are highlights. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade week at Camp Takodah is May 23-26. She recognized Jessica Vezina for her help with Teacher Appreciation week.

The PRCC and MCAS tests were this week. The MCAS science test is on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Box Tops program earned \$2,926; she thanked everyone who contributed. Important dates and reminders are posted on the MMS website. Progress Reports are on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade semi-formal Dance is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition program is on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Field Day is June 10<sup>th</sup>; memory/year books will also be signed that day.

Aidan announced that he received the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number of votes at the CDMASC Conference and is now the secretary of that organization. The committee congratulated him. L. Murphy said 'that is a really big deal', winning a position out of 450 students from 30 high schools.

Sports-The Softball team has a 6-3 record. Jordan Manuel set a new record in the 800 meter at 1.59.6 minutes; the record stood for 42 years. The Track team is setting and breaking many records; and qualified for several state meets. They will be recognized at a future meeting. May 25<sup>th</sup> is Senior Night for the Girls Varsity Softball team and a 'Coaches for Cancer Night'.

6. Student Recognition: none

Teacher of the Month-Cynthia Goslin has worked in the WPS for over 20 years as inclusion Pre-school teacher. Her honesty, integrity and commitment shows in everything she does. Her connection with students' families, her para professionals and staff is amazing. L. Murphy commended her teaching at the students' level, noting regular teachers learn to accommodate and modify for everyone whether they have special needs or not. Mrs. Goslin stressed 'we are a team', praising all of the Pre-school team.

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad

a. Warrant Articles for May 16, Annual Town Meeting-See discussion above.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Spring Concert was amazing, especially the school spirit song. The graduating class will visit and sing with them; and visit Toy Town Elementary. The newspaper reporters are invited. CAPS-After discussion, J. Corbosiero moved that the Winchendon School Committee supports CAPS Collaborative establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to support costs associated with the acquisition, maintenance, and improvement of fixed assets as approved by the CAPS Board of Director's. Second by D. Harris. Approved 5-0-0. There is approximately \$300,000 available.

Business Office Report: M. Chapulis reviewed the monthly expenditure report. The committee voiced concern about several large negative line items. Negative line items will be resolved with transfers from within the local budget. Some transfers are needed to specific salaries due to position changes, step changes and retirements. SPED tuitions are waiting for Circuit Breaker reimbursement. Some encumbrances were over estimated; the unused portion will be allocated to other line items. The Substitute line is a continuing adjustment. J. Corbosiero voiced further concern regarding negative line items. M. Chapulis explained the office has to project each line item and determine if or what will be spent. L. Murphy voiced concern about the fiscal year ending soon, noting these deficits must be addressed soon.

S. Haddad reported there are 14 candidates for the Business Manager position. He will review the candidates and set up interviews.

M. Chapulis noted that Circuit and School Choice payments are received after June 30<sup>th</sup>, but the amounts will be known prior to that. He pointed out that there will be deficits after June 30<sup>th</sup>. The grant administrators will be asked to report/update on a regular basis. There is a \$57,000 deficit in the School lunch line item; partly due to the timing of expenses versus revenue. The district will have to cover part of 1 (one) salary, along with several other items.

8. Old Business:

a. Update Approved/Revised School Year Ending 2016-The last day is June 14<sup>th</sup>. J. Romano reviewed the days of classes, finals and release times at MHS.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>-Class Day

June 3<sup>rd</sup>-Promenade and Prom-4:45 PM at MHS

June 4<sup>th</sup>-Alumni Softball Game

June 4<sup>th</sup>-Alumni Banquet-6 PM

June 5<sup>th</sup>-Graduation-2 PM on the football field. The Boosters will donate water bottles.

L. Murphy moved to accept the revised end of the school year calendar as presented. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

b. Wellness Policy-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -J. Corbosiero moved to approve as written for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

9. New Business:

a. Handout of Year End Superintendent Evaluation-Committee members will send their individual reports to D. LaPointe by June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting so she can compile the final report.

c. Day on the Hill Talking Points-Presentation-D. Harris moved to table to the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

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 noted the Chartwells contract expires June 30, 2016. The WPS custodians have voiced concerns about having to do the bulk of the cleaning; stating Chartwells does very little. Chartwells is predicting a slight profit this year; additional expenses charged to Food Service, including as part-time secretary and pest control will create a line item deficit. The secretary position has been moved to a local budget line item in the FY'17 budget. Carolyn will put all upcoming meetings on the town calendar. L. Murphy moved that the committee meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM with the exception of the April 20, 2017 meeting due to a vacation week; the committee will meet on 27<sup>th</sup> instead. We reserve the right to move the meetings if necessary. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.

13. Other: none

14. Future Agenda Items:

a. May 10<sup>th</sup> Scholars Dinner

b. May 12<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics pep Rally

c. May 13<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics at Quabbin Regional High School

d. May 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Shrek the Musical at Murdock Auditorium

e. May 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting

f. May 18<sup>th</sup> Murdock Chorus Concert

g. May 19<sup>th</sup> Murdock Band Concert

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- m. Monty Tech Representative - FY16 Quarterly Meeting-June, 2016
- n. Athletic User Fees
- o. Chartwells-Contract renewal and WPS Custodians responsibilities
- p. Day on the Hill Talking Points-Presentation (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

15. Executive Session: none

16. Adjournment: 7:27 P.M. G. Vine moved to adjourn. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

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